"Those who are lovers of wisdom must be inquirers into many things indeed"
- Clement of Alexandria

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Class of 2003 profiled

by W.J. Gormley'00
NEWS EDITOR

While students final decisions are still being made, waiting lists are still being consulted and letters are in the mail a picture of the class of 2003 is slowly but surely emerging.

According to Dean of Admissions Rit Fuller, "We are very proud of the quality and diversity of this year's incoming class. It's hard to paint a picture of a moving target, but so far it looks great."

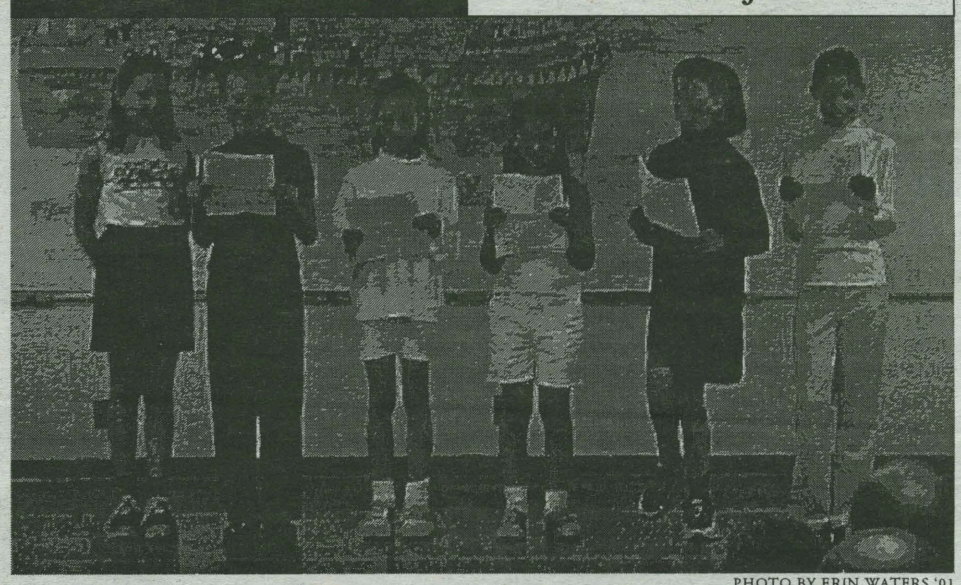
The Admissions rate this year was up to 41% from 40% last year. However, when viewed from a long-term standpoint, Hamilton's selectivity is increasing. This year's Admissions rate is still down from 42% two years ago and 44% three years ago.

The percentage of students accepting admission is also up. Dean Fuller attributes this rise to the fact that "Students are willing to pay for a quality education at a selective college." At this point, the average SAT scores of the incoming class are higher than those of the class of 2002. These facts bode well for the future standings of Hamilton in the rankings of colleges by such respected institutions as US News and World Report.

Once again , women will probably outnumber men in this class by a few percentage points.

Fuller believes that the continuing strong numbers indicate that Hamilton has "solidified its position as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country."

SPECTACLE — *The class of 2013*



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Local Clinton Elementary School students learn French under the tutelage of Julie LoSauro '99 and Christie Tobin '99 (not pictured).

Y2K committee discusses possible problems in 2000

Hamilton's Y2K Committee has been meeting regularly since late last semester. Here's what you should know about possible Year 2000 problems before returning to campus for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Hardware and Software

ITS personnel have inventoried existing computer hardware and software and determined the Year 2000 compliance status of each item.

Departments will be notified about non-compliant items and alternatives. Replacement of all non-compliant parts of the campus data network are expected to be completed by August 1999.

Students are responsible for determining the Year 2000 status of their own systems. Some possible locations for determining Y2K status are available on the Hamilton Web Site at: *http://www.hamilton.edu/college/its/y2k/default.html*

Embedded Systems

The Physical Plant personnel surveyed all microprocessor controlled equipment that might be affected by year 2000 problems. Included were all computer-controlled heating and air conditioning equipment, fire alarm systems, elevators and motor controls. To date we have not found any equipment that will give us problems.

Contingency Planning

Even if Hamilton deals with all Year 2000 issues for its computer hardware and software it is still dependent upon other organizations for the continued operation of the college. Of particular note is our dependence upon utility companies, banks and suppliers of all kinds. In this highly interconnected world we cannot be sure that these dependencies will function normally. Thus, a broadly representative contingency planning group was begun in December 1998. This effort was expanded to include general disaster planning, since the College did not have a disaster plan in place.

Health and Safety Issues

Within the scope of disaster planning, the health and safety of our community is the first concern. Community members include students housed on campus, employees, on-campus contractors, child care center participants and staff, housing lease holders and their family members, and laboratory animals. Should there be a major disaster or service interruption, it is likely that our extended community will require disaster relief. That community includes students living off campus, students on Hamilton-supported programs off campus, our immediate neighbors on College Hill and residents of the Town of Kirkland. We are developing disaster-relief procedures based on the type of disaster (Y2K, ice storm, tornado, etc.), the time of year the disaster takes place, the services that remain following the disaster, and the expected duration of the problem(s).

Financial Issues

As part of our disaster planning activities, the critical financial operations addressed to date include the continuation of purchasing, accounts payable and payroll processing. In the case of payroll, we have also reviewed the contingency plans of the College's processing and banking partners.

Academic Planning Issues

Ordering supplies and planning for campus services, such as duplicating, should be done well before the end of Fall classes. Individuals who deal with data

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Senior awarded Fulbright

by Meghan Hern '01
NEWS WRITER

As uncertainty beckons many seniors into unfamiliar territory, one young woman prepares to follow a path that will take her across the Atlantic to Veider Neustadt, Austria. Courtney Nelson '99 has been selected for the English language teaching assistant program administered by the Fulbright Commission and financed by the Austrian Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs. It is a program that also functions in conjunction with the Austrian government and is primarily designed for students with a German language background. As an English and German major, Nelson fulfills the requirements for candidacy in the program.

The prestigious teaching assistant position is open to students at a national level, resulting in tough competition for the number of positions available. There are teaching assistant positions through the Fulbright program that can be conducted in France, Germany, Austria, and Korea. For those applying to the program in Korea, there is no prior knowledge of Korean required. German language Professor Edith Toogel, who is also from Austria, saw an ad for the fellowship in an Austrian Studies Newsletter, and introduced the opportunity to her seven seminar students. Two of the seven decided to apply for the program that Toogel wanted all of her seniors to think about. After being put on a waiting list, Nelson was selected. Toogel had nothing but words of praise and encouragement for Nelson. "I think that Courtney will be wonderful. Her personality, interest in young people, kindness and wonderful smile...She will be very good for what she is going to do." Toogel expressed the hope that Nelson would be the first of many in the years to come. Nelson's experience with the German language began in high school, not only inside the classroom, but outside as well.

For three weeks during the summer in between her junior and senior year in high school, Nelson participated in an exchange program to Germany. After having taken the German language in high school, she was finally able to get her first taste of the culture. While there she lived with a family and returned from her first European experience yearning for more.

At Hamilton, her passions led her to declare a concentration in English and German. During the spring semester of her junior year on the Hill, and almost three years after her first visit, Nelson returned to Germany. She spent the semester in Freiberg, Germany, and while there extended her travels to Austria. For a week she was able to get a taste of the Austrian people and culture. Nelson reminisced, " The people there were so friendly and generous...". Yet, one week was not nearly enough to obtain a true understanding of the Austrian way of life. Continuing on, Nelson said, "It's hard to really get to know people when you're on vacation." Her chance to return and truly experience the Austrian people and culture, would present itself one year later in the form of her acceptance into the Fulbright program.

Nelson spoke of her excitement in lieu of her imminent departure in the coming months. "I'm looking forward to staying involved with students after graduation, as well as using my German skills in this setting while interacting with the Austrian culture." She delighted in the fact that she will be able to do something that utilizes both of her interests, English and German.

Nelson will be working for the district of Veider Neustadt in Austria. She will actually be teaching in two of the high schools in the town where she will not only be able to live the Austrian culture, but share her own. While she has no definite plans for the future, she does feel that teaching will give her the opportunity to explore further. In her encouragement to others whose interest may be peaked by her own participation in the program, she said, "If you have an interest in teaching, as well as experience with any language, this is a great opportunity." Nelson said that although she was originally placed on a waiting list, she never gave up hoping in the back of her mind. Professor Toogel called her acceptance into the program, "a last minute thing that turned out golden...a triumph for all of us." The realization of that hope is encouragement for anyone who has dared to risk and dared to dream. That seed of hope will bloom for one young woman whose dedication and determination will lead her to a small Austrian city, one hour and a half south of Vienna, and miles from the place that she has called home for the past four years.

Katsetos honored as HCEMS establishes new award

by Sarah Byrne '00
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

This year the Hamilton College Emergency Medical Service (HCEMS) established the Antonios D. Katsetos Award to recognize Tony Katsetos '99, an outstanding member of the EMS team and the Hamilton community.

Katsetos was recognized at the HCEMS end of the year dinner on April 29. The award was originated and presented by John Fantauzzi '99, former Chief Student Officer. Katsetos received a standing ovation as well as much praise from his fellow EMTs at the banquet. He was awarded a plaque with the following inscription: "Tony Katsetos '99 served HCEMS with honor and distinction for three years. During this time, he demonstrated dedication above and beyond the call of duty to both HCEMS and the Hamilton College Community. His unquestioned mastery of clinical skills, genuine compassion, and disarming sense of humor made Tony the benchmark by which his fellow EMTs measured themselves. For giving so much of himself and being the best in so many ways, Tony is a model truly worthy of emulation. In recognition of Tony's many extraordinary contributions, a profoundly grateful HCEMS bestows the Antonios D. Katsetos Award upon the EMT who most embodies Tony's commitment and personal qualities."

Fantauzzi established the award to recognize Katsetos for his outstanding contributions to the organization. "Tony is distinct from all other members of the organization," commented Fantauzzi. "By far, he is the most committed, and has put in the most time."

John Doench '00, the current HCEMS Chief Student Officer and Equipment Officer, remarked that, "Tony Katsetos is an individual of the highest caliber. His commitment and dedication not only to HCEMS but also, and more importantly, to the Hamilton College community are unsurpassed. I consider myself truly lucky to have been able to serve alongside Tony over the past two years."

"Tony has the ability to make everyone around him at ease. He is likable, disarming, and easy to work with," remarked Fantauzzi. "Tony is well balanced. He is dedicated to EMS, but he has a life outside the organization." In 1998 Katsetos held the position of HCEMS Equipment Officer. "The equipment has never been managed better or more organized," commented Fantauzzi. HCEMS Coordinator Diann Lynch remarked that Katsetos is extraordinarily conscientious and obviously "loves being an EMT." Lynch went on to praise Katsetos as "the most competent EMT I've ever worked with." Further, Katsetos has been a great mentor and teacher to the younger members of HCEMS. As a veteran, he was coupled with less experienced licensed EMTs to supervise and lead by example. Lynch cites Tony as a great asset and an outstanding mentor within the group. Katsetos has handled 101 calls at Hamilton, this is, by far, the most calls of any EMT. While all EMTs are state certified, "More calls mean more experience," remarked Fantauzzi.

Katsetos was "very surprised" to receive an award in his own name. "I am very honored to have this award named after me," he said, but continued to remark that, "I'm just doing what everybody else does." Humbly, Katsetos went on to praise the HCEMS team. "It is a great honor to work with these people," he said. "It's tough for me to accept something like this. I didn't do anything exceptional." Katsetos suggested that the award reflects on the organization as a whole. Helping the community through HCEMS is a "team effort. We compliment each other on calls." He praises his peers as a "very professional bunch of people."

Katsetos had wanted to be an EMT since he was barely eight years old. Unlike many EMTs who use the position to test their interest in the medical field, Katsetos became an EMT before becoming interested in medicine. He remarked that the job is highly enjoyable and interesting. The position has taught him how to adapt to situations, think on his feet, and interact with patients. According to Fantauzzi, "Tony has a good way with patients. He is firm when necessary, but also compassionate. He truly has the ability to manage any situation that he may come upon."

In addition to his approximately 250 on-call shifts at Hamilton, Katsetos has also worked on the ambulance squad in his hometown. He commented on the difference between the two situations: "We are taking care of each other here within the College community. We can see an effect on our friends and peers. It is harder here sometimes because you take situations to heart."

Physical Plant announces summer building agenda

by Paul Belonick
NEWS WRITER

After alumni weekend, Physical plant will start one of the most ambitious and speedy building programs in recent Hamilton history. Steve Bellona, the director of Physical Plant, described the major plans for the summer and for the first semester of next year. The first order of business, he said, was to renovate the third floor of the Chapel and convert it into a loft space to support religious activities as well as the chaplaincy and other student programs. The area would encompass 3500 square feet and is to be finished by August he said.

In addition, several areas around campus would be renovated to add storage space for Audio/Visual materials and a special storage space over the old tennis courts for athletic equipment. This would free up space presently being taken on the fieldhouse floor. Some minor road and stone repairs are also being planned. In addition, planning would begin for the reconstruction of the old Alpha Delta Phi house to convert it into a residential facility, although no time frame was mentioned. Funding is still being gathered, and that will affect how soon the plans go into action. As of yet, Bellona said no plans were being made for the old Chi Psi or Psi Upsilon houses. The most major project, however, is the creation of the new Social Space, also set to begin after Alumni weekend. It is designed to be 11,000 square feet and will be partitioned into individual areas to hold multiple events at the same time. The social space is scheduled to be finished by January 15, just in time for the second semester.

Y2K committee plan

entry should consider saving at least two weeks of work in case there is a system or software failure that requires re-creation of data. Holding all data changes in a separate folder until all systems have checked out is advisable. Given the possibility of problems on January 1, with basic services (heat, light, etc.) we are discussing when students will be allowed to return to campus after the Fall term. A decision is expected before the end of September. Individuals/departments who usually have students return early will be notified about any policy changes.

Basic Service Issues

There is a possibility basic energy sources provided to the campus (e.g., electricity, natural gas, water) will be disrupted. Our major suppliers of these resources assure us that they are making significant efforts to prepare themselves for the Year 2000, however, they also indicate that they, too, are dependent upon other suppliers and computer-controlled systems. The College is dependent upon these sources of energy for heating and lighting our buildings, as well as the operation of our communication systems. A detailed inventory of the energy needs of all buildings and the availability of emergency generators has been completed. Contingency plans are being developed.

Planning for the arrival of the year 2000 will continue throughout the summer and a status report will be provided to the campus upon your return in the fall. In the interim, additional information may be obtained by contacting the Committee Chair, Dave Smallen, or any members of the Y2K Committee.

Members of the Y2K Committee and others who have worked with the Committee include: Betsy Espe, Pat Ingalls, Jan Coates, Yvonne Matteson, Irene Brogan Leone, Jack Spangler, Mike Debraggio, Lora Schilder, Sue Donegan, Pat Ingalls, Lori Dennison, Kristin Friedel, Dan Konstalid, Barbara Gold, Doug Weldon, Frank Marsicane, Dave Cannamela, Betsy Stewart, Dave Smallen

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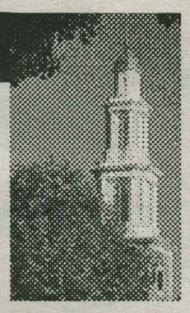

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Cristen Sargent '01

UC Berkeley hunger strikers in seventh day of protest

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Ethnic studies supporters remained firmly planted outside Chancellor Robert Berdahl's office Wednesday, a day after police cleared their makeshift tent city and arrested 83 demonstrators.

They remained there last night, vowing not to leave until the chancellor meets their demands — and actually meets with them.

With six of the demonstrators continuing their hunger strike into the seventh day, Thursday, nearly 300 students converged in front of California Hall, with organizers saying the arrests has drawn heightened awareness to the ethnic studies cause.

"There were more students out there than ever before," said protest organizer Liz Schiffrin. "The chancellor's actions to deal with students by bringing in the police — students who just want to sit down with him and work things out — shows his lack of respect and accountability for the student body."

UC Berkeley spokesperson Jesus Mena said Wednesday that there was "nothing new" from the administration in regard to the ongoing hunger strike, but added that the chancellor has been meeting extensively with top administrators since Tuesday.

"The chancellor is extremely concerned about the health of the students," Mena said. "He certainly hopes that they terminate their action as soon as possible. There really is no reason for this strike right now."

He added that physicians from University Health Services were present Tuesday morning to assist the hunger strikers if necessary, and that they would continue to monitor the strikers regularly.

Stanford U. law professor suing Clinton over Kosovo bombing

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. — Rep. Tom Campbell, who is also a Stanford Law Professor, has raised an old source of contention between a president and Congress - can a war continue without congressional approval?

Campbell (R-Calif.) says President Clinton must answer to the Constitution, and he says that means asking Congress for permission to continue the bombing of Serbia.

Along with 16 Congressmen, Campbell filed a lawsuit against Clinton on April 30 to either force a declaration of war or stop the bombing.

The House gave Campbell standing for his lawsuit last month by rejecting, 427 to 2, a resolution he had submitted to declare war. Had the House voted in favor of declaring war, his suit would be moot.

"I hope that the federal judge declares that the president must get the approval from Congress for continuing," Campbell said.

Campbell is invoking the Vietnam-era War Powers Resolution, which says the president must get congressional approval to wage war if hostilities last more than 60 days. Bombing began March 24, so under that resolution, Clinton has until the end of May to continue.

Although some agree that military force in Kosovo violates the Constitution, experts say it's not likely the president will be forced to withdraw U.S. troops.

UMass men's lacrosse player dies at practice

(U-WIRE) AMHERST, Mass. — The University of Massachusetts athletic community was dealt a blow of the most severe kind Wednesday night, as junior Eric Sopracasa of the men's lacrosse team died after being struck in the chest by a ball during practice.

Sopracasa, 21, from Farmingville, N.Y., collapsed after being hit with the ball and stopped breathing, said Jo-Anne Vanin, the associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students. The long-stick midfielder was briefly revived and taken to Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

It was there that he was pronounced dead.

"The death of a young person is always difficult to understand," Vanin said. "This one is particularly shocking because of its suddenness and unexpectedness."

Sopracasa was an apparel marketing major who hailed from Sachem High School. At Sachem, Sopracasa was an All-American and a two-time All-Division selection. Before attending UMass, he was invited to tryout for the Junior World Team, and he played in the Long Island Exceptional Senior All-Star game.

WORLD NEWS

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Russia, NATO agree on Kosovo plan

BONN, Germany (AP) -Russia and the major Western powers set aside their differences over NATO airstrikes Thursday and drafted a joint plan to end the Kosovo conflict, including the deployment of an international force to keep the peace after the withdrawal of Yugoslav forces.

President Clinton and other Western officials welcomed Russia's backing for "effective international civil and security presences" in Kosovo, where a NATO campaign has failed to halt the expulsions of one-third of the ethnic Albanians in the southern Serb province since March.

Kosovo's most prominent ethnic Albanian leader told a news conference in Rome a day after he and his family were allowed to leave Yugoslavia that he favored an international peacekeeping force - including NATO - in his

"We need above all to create security in Kosovo so people can return," said Ibrahim Rugova, who was a negotiator for the ethnic Albanian delegation at the failed peace talks in Rambouillet, France, that preceded the 6-week-old NATO air campaign.

Clinton described the draft agreed to in Germany as "a significant step forward ... increasing the likelihood that there will ultimately be a resolution of this that will actually work."

Americans opening homes to refugees

WASHINGTON (AP) - From Kosovo to Kansas. Tented camps in Macedonia to high-rises in Manhattan. Up to 20,000 ethnic Albanians expelled from Serbia are coming to the United States - and to the Americans getting ready to take them in.

In Gardner, Kan., Kurt Hoffman, who gets teary-eyed when he sees the refugees' plight on television, is straightening up his finished basement to house a family from Kosovo.

With her youngest son away at college, Rita Huebner and her husband have two empty bedrooms at their small house in Sherwood, Ohio. "I thought if they would only come to America, I could help them," says Mrs. Huebner, who over the years has been host for 14 foreign exchange students. "I asked my husband and he said 'No problem.'"

"I had to hang up the phone. I can't take it. I don't want to hear these things," Rraci said.

On Wednesday, 453 refugees arrived at Fort Dix, N.J. An additional 400 are expected on Friday and 800 more are to arrive early next week. On Saturday, 100 to 200 refugees, who are being sponsored by relatives in the United States, are to land in New York.

Keiko preparing for return to the wild

HEIMAEY, Iceland (AP) - Steve Claussen stands braced on the sea pen walkway, documenting Keiko the killer whale's behavior as he frolics in the North Atlantic with his favorite blue ball.

But when Keiko swims up expectantly, hoping for some play time or a treat, Claussen makes a point of turning away, a pained look on his face.

It's time for tough love for the star of the movie "Free Willy," returned with great fanfare seven months ago to the Icelandic waters where he was captured at the tender age of about 2.

His trainers' hope is that the 21-year-old whale eventually can be released back into the ocean - something that never before has been attempted with a captive whale. But Keiko must first prove that "he's an independent dude," trainer Robin Friday says.

"For most animals, food is their primary reinforcement," Friday explains. "His is human attention. He's been so pampered."

Thus, new rules designed to diminish all unnecessary interaction: No eye contact unless Keiko is being asked to do something that furthers his development. No rubdowns or massages just out of affection. And soon, just dead fish piped into the water at mealtimes instead of hand-feedings.

"It's a transition for the staff as much as it is for Keiko," Friday says. "It's like preparing your child to go out on his own. You've got to cut the strings."

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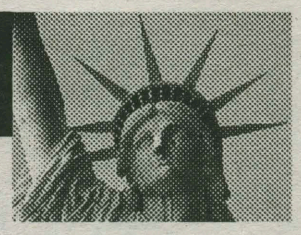

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Twister survivors assess damage

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Wearing hand-me-down clothes and driving borrowed cars, residents struggled to put their lives back together Thursday from the ruins of this week's twisters. The death toll, meanwhile, rose to 46 in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Kimberly Taylor wore a plaid overshirt, striped T-shirt and blue sweatpants as she collected clothes for her six children at a Del City church. She laughed at her mismatched outfit.

"Our house was destroyed," she said. "I don't have a car to even drive around in. Everything is just borrowed."

An estimated 3,000 homes and businesses were destroyed in Oklahoma. About 1,500 buildings were destroyed in Kansas.

The smell of hamburgers and sauteed onions wafted down one ravaged street in Moore, where volunteers served up free meals to residents picking through the ruins of their homes.

Scott Bulmer, a pastor at Oakcrest Church of Christ, handed out sandwiches, water and gloves to people with nothing left. Some were so grateful, they were speechless, he said.

Three of the injured died overnight, bringing the number of dead from Monday's tornadoes in Oklahoma to 41. Five people died in Kansas. About 750 people in Oklahoma and 150 in Kansas were injured.

Amy Fisher gets parole after seven years

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Amy Fisher, the "Long Island Lolita" who shot her lover Joey Buttafuoco's wife, was paroled Thursday after serving more than six years in prison in a case that became a font of tabloid stories and TV movies.

The state Parole Board voted 2-1 to free Ms. Fisher, 24, who will be released within a week and live in the New York City area, parole board spokesman Thomas Grant said. An assistant to Ms. Fisher's lawyer said she has a job lined up in the fashion industry.

Ms. Fisher pleaded guilty in 1992 to assault and was sentenced to five to 15 years in prison for shooting Mary Jo Buttafuoco in the head. Mrs. Buttafuoco, then 37, survived.

Ms. Fisher, then 17, had been having an affair with Buttafuoco, the 38-year-old owner of an auto body shop. He pleaded guilty to statutory rape and served six months in prison.

The Buttafuocos now live in Los Angeles, where Buttafuoco has been a cable television talk show host and is pursuing an acting career. A publicist for the couple had no comment on the parole decision.

Last month, Ms. Fisher apologized to Mrs. Buttafuoco, who forgave her. The two had corresponded for several months. With the support of prosecutors and Mrs. Buttafuoco, a judge reduced Ms. Fisher's sentence to 3 1/2 to 10 1/2 years, making her immediately eligible for parole.

Parents buy son a truck-and a driveway, plus house, to park it in

BARRINGTON, Ill. (AP) - Srinu Yeshwant was a lucky boy indeed when his parents gave him a new truck. But with a parking crunch at his high school, he also needed a place to park it.

So his parents bought a $180,000 bungalow - complete with driveway - adjacent to campus.

But their gift has created an uproar in this upscale suburb about 30 miles northwest of Chicago. Neighbors say they resent an absentee owner using a home on their street primarily for its driveway, and the town's attorney and zoning commission are investigating.

"I think it's kind of arrogant," Ray Peters said while mowing his lawn on Tuesday. "Don't you think it would be cheaper to buy him a limo?"

School renovation has forced students who want a slot in the lot to arrive well before Barrington High School's first bell at 7:25 a.m. The Yeshwants live in nearby South Barrington.

"I don't like getting up at 6 a.m.," said Yeshwant, 17.

No one lives at the Yeshwants' sparsely furnished house, which sits on a dowdy street in the upscale suburb about 30 miles northwest of Chicago. Their son and five friends simply use the driveway to park their cars, avoiding the early trek.

Greg Furda, chairman of the town's zoning commission, was not sympathetic. "Nobody is going to run a parking lot in this town while I'm around," he said.

Student election results announced

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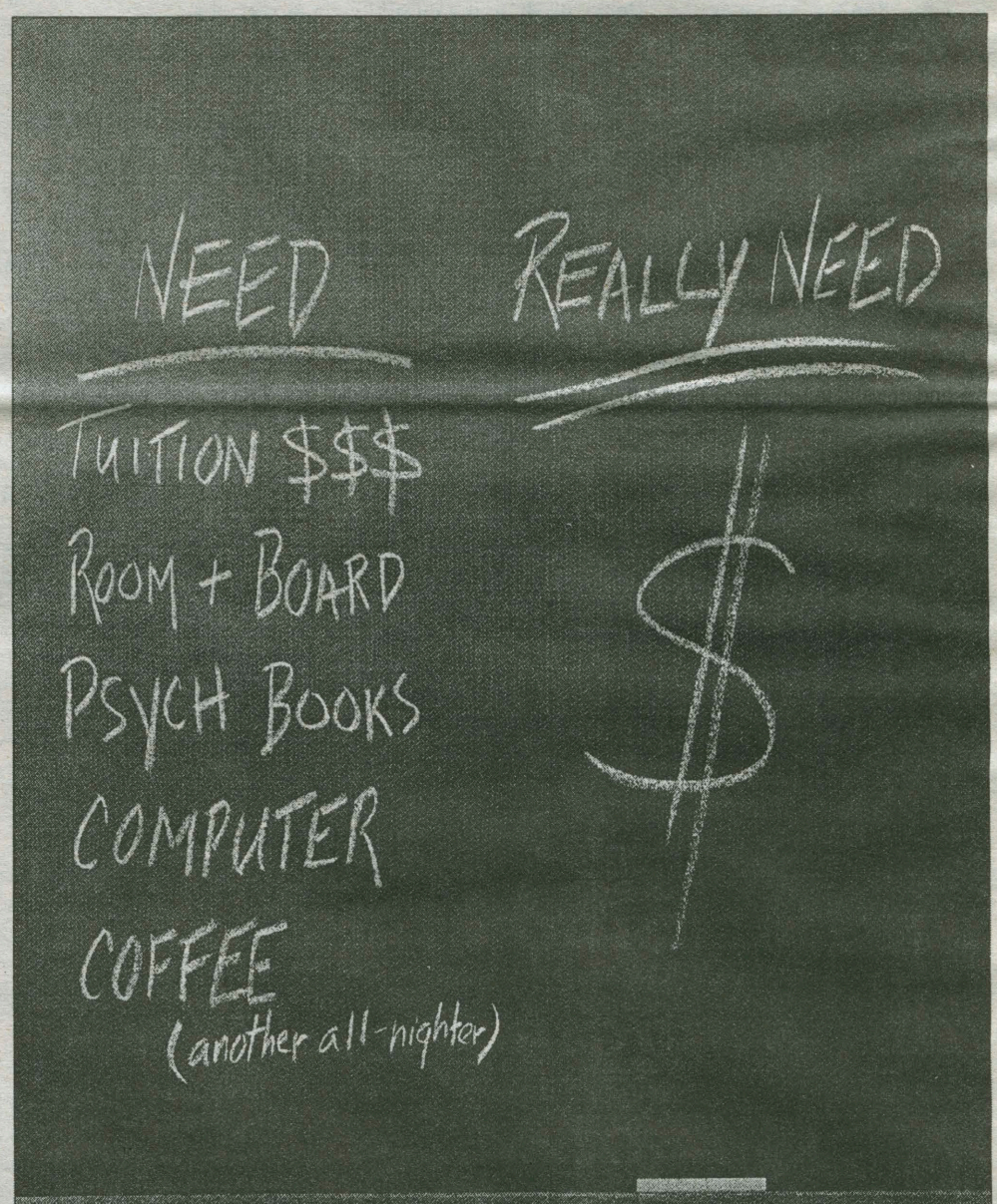

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A song of parting, as viewed through panes of glass

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Thoughts about this moment have been creeping into my mind for weeks, if not months, if not years. For all that I have seen or have not seen, done or have not done, pondered or have not pondered, never was I certain about how it would feel to be right here, right now.

So where am I? Seated in one of my most comforting locales on this campus, on the third floor of Bristol, in the offices of this newspaper, I hear the wind howling outside, and I feel it rattling papers and whistling through open windows. The Chapel bell chimes five times.

Through the panes of glass I can view much of the terrain over which I trod, in all moods and emotions, over the past four years. I see the buildings on the north side of campus, the library I seldom visited, the hall where I spoke of literature, the residence where I indulged in conversation, inebriation, revelation, and hesitation. Yes, hesitation. I didn't know it all then, nor do I now.

I see houses closed, forgotten, sold, or irrevocably altered, never more to enjoy the warmth of friendship or the flame of passion. These are dead buildings, the vibrancy and activity once known inside and around them gone forever. Pleasure apparently poses problems, some say. Ask yourself what replaced this pleasure.

Below me, the Village of Clinton rests quietly in a cool bath of early evening sunshine. That's familiar territory too. Living in Clinton for a year, albeit in some sadistically altered former barn whose stability has always been in question, has provided me with a sense of connection and familiarity with this place that campus life never could have supplied. Explore and enjoy Clinton. Trust me on the sunscreen. Just kidding.

To conclude, I announce what comes after me.

Legions of young minds, undecided on their future, will continue to arrive here on an annual basis, some loaded with hopes, some hoping to get loaded. Some will devour whatever the silver spoon serves them. After all, they paid for that silver spoon. Some will find solace in smaller spoons. Some will try to bite the hand that feeds them. Don't bite, though, for no one will bite back.

Some time from now, when I perchance return to this place, I hope to find these legions of young minds working independently, doing things on their own terms. Not in the classroom, for those terms are preordained. Not in some social space, for it isn't yours. Go where they cannot see you. Be subversive. Live in the imagined community but create your own. That's what I'm leaving with, and that's what I cherish most.

I have sung the body and the soul, war and peace I have sung, and the songs of life and death . . . I have offer'd my style to every one, I have journey'd with confident step.

Intense events dotted our four years here. We rode into Dodge ready to embrace an atmosphere surging with vitality, intellectualism, movement. "And that, I think, was the handle — that sense of inevitable victory over the forces of Old and Evil. Not in any mean or military sense; we didn't need that. Our energy would simply prevail. There was no point in fighting — on our side or theirs. We had all the momentum; we were riding the crest of a high and beautiful wave."

But everyone was angry; tree limbs were broken, glass was shattered, as were dreams of something greater. Chaos continued through horrible tragedies, homophobic aggression, unfounded animosity, and misunderstanding on many levels. Our response seemed natural, appropriate. We just huddled indoors in the gray, frigid winters, uncorked the bottle, and tried to laugh. The wave crashed, and the waters drew back to sea.

I learned something in the chaos, but learned more in the aftermath. I learned what made the most sense about this place. People. They comprise the timbers, drywall, nuts, bolts, and energy that made the whole trip a trip. I will miss the faces and the voices most, for they filled my experiences with the perfect stuff.

What is there more, that I lag and pause and crouch extended with unshut mouth? Is there a single final farewell?

I say goodbye only to the things I never want to see again. Goodbye to not being listened to or even heard. Goodbye to stagnancy and unwillingness to think. Goodbye to book smarts. Goodbye to idleness, and goodbye to boredom. Goodbye to *U.S. News & World Report* rankings and all of the ill-fated decisions they cause. Goodbye to unnecessary, confining, inane bureaucracy (and hello to freedom of choice, freedom of association, freedom of housing).

I will not say goodbye to my people. I love you all.

While my pleasure is yet at the full I whisper So long!

I can't believe I ate the whole thing

JENNY, BENNY & SARAH
They Call Them

I don't know about everyone else, but I've always wanted to be king, or emperor, or the most powerful man in the universe. Granted, He-man already took that last title, but I haven't seen him on television in a while, so I figure it's up for grabs. Unless you watch the World's Strongest Men competition, in which case I'm in trouble unless I can lift fifty kegs of Fosters onto a truck in ten seconds.

Instead of acheiving those lofty titles, I get my kicks writing articles for the Spectator. Except, there's two problems. One is this is the last issue of the Spectator this year, and, hopefully, I'll be graduating in a few weeks. The second problem, mostly related to the first, is that I'm clean out of ideas, concepts, and everything else considered humorous in the Liberal Arts context.

My solution to the first problem is to pretend that, instead of a student, I am a wino who lives on Genessee street and doesn't own a pair of shoes. My solution to the second problem is to invite a few friends to help me come up with something remotely grounded in reality.

That's me. I'm the guest. Actually I haven't been thinking very much lately, except for work, so I'm out of good ideas too. But we all know that Benny secretly desires to compete in the strongest man contest. He only pokes fun at the things he can never understand. He also really has enjoyed the institution that we call Hamilton College.

No, I didn't. I'm also sick of people asking me what I am going to do after graduation. Not being here is good enough for me.

Many of us think of ourselves as poets. Maybe not in the literal context, but we all have something that we really know thoroughly, and enjoy theorizing about and discussing. For me, it's air fresheners and making fun of obscure religions. For other people, it's microbiology and freebasing cat litter. Whatever.

But being a poet is not easy. I'm a little worried that I'll still be paying my phone bills with laundry quarters and buying beer with mom's gas card that she forgot that she gave to me.

When I was young, I thought that being the ice cream man would be one of the best jobs possible. You don't have to explain things to people, they have pictures to reference. "Thirty cents." "Thanks." "Please don't run over my customers." Pretty simple, eh? But then, I realized the problem. You get tempted by the Dixie Cups and Sno-cones. And you start saying things like "don't push me, push a push-pop!" And your life takes a turn for the worse.

Do you think that red Lifesavers or green Lifesavers save your life better? I think Jim beam works the best.

I truly believe that we were once an amphibious race. We have eleven green ones, four pineapple, three lemon, nine orange, six red. Lifesavers, that is.

Wait, now only ten green because Benny ate one. Two? You pig.

See, the nice thing about having guest writers is that you don't know who's writing and who's drinking. I mean not writing. Whatever.

One thing to remember when you're buying liquor: a club is not exclusive, even if it's only limited to Senators, Representatives, or Rabid canines. Anyone can join. It only requires a small amount of cash and a little bit of sin tax. Whatever that is.

So maybe I am a wino, and maybe everyone else is. Everyone's a poet and just didn't know it. Everyone loves lifesavers, although they won't eat certain colors. Maybe people think that we should all just give up and live inside boxes and eat toothpaste. Especially if it's that "for kids" stuff that tastes like bubble gum.

A wino, maybe. I think you're closer to loony. What's the difference, anyways? Not much, except you trade a brown bag for a white jacket. And a Hamilton Diploma for a Certificate of completion at Mohawk Valley Correctional Facility.

I think summer tours are misleading. They should have snow machines and depressed students with hunchbacks on Martin's Way to simulate "actual Hamilton community" spirit. The summer is much too nice to be equivocated to Hamilton. Most people spend all of their time in a dorn room,, or waiting in line for stir fry, beer, or classes.

In reality, I spend probably about 90 percent of my time in my room. In illusion, I spend around 40 percent of my time in a giant castle inhabited by a race of very small elephants that I call Tinifants. At any rate, the illusion that I received on my summer tour (Hamilton is a bunch of contended Eucher playing Sophomores) proved to be false. My Hamilton experience consisted of a large number of computer games. I recently rediscovered Eric's Solitaire on my computer. And Minesweeper. The best fun can be found by yourself with a simulated deck of cards. Or mine field. Because we all know how much fun sweeping a real mine field can be. Speak for yourself.

The moral to our story is that saying goodbye can be harder than saying hello, so we all choose to just be wacky and indecipherable in the hopes that we can meet again. Enjoy the rest of your life.

The best of THUMBS

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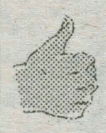

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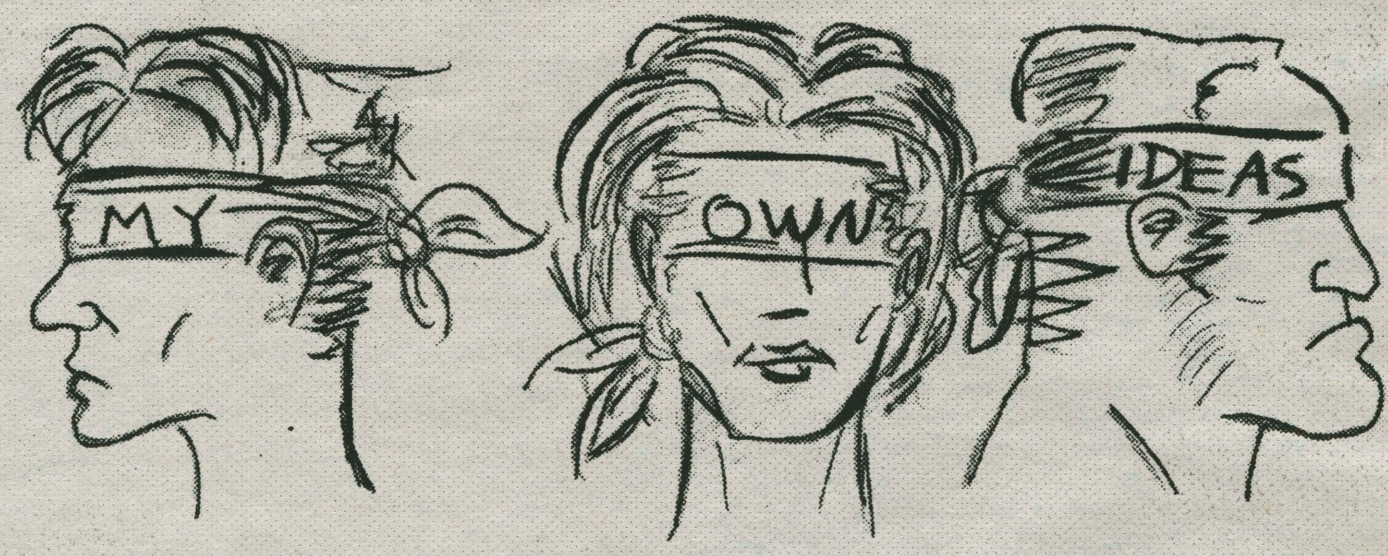

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EDITORIAL

In this last issue of *The Spectator*, we were tempted to take a stab at some sort of summation for our semester, or for the past year we have spent at Hamilton College. We also considered writing a manifesto describing the ideal class and charter day that we would like to see happen as a fitting conclusion to this spring semester of 1999. The responses of our staff members to these quandaries, what conclusions to draw from the year and how to best celebrate its end, drew as many responses as there are different individuals in our office.

At this time of year, the thoughts of students diverge in infinite directions as we all become focused on our individual workloads and plans for the summer or for life after college. Likewise, the beliefs of Hamilton alumni seem to diverge widely after they leave the hill, as evidenced by the letter we received this week displaying a fervent clash of ideologies between two men who belonged to the same fraternity as Hamilton students. One of these men is the Chairman of our Board of Trustees, and another has sent several of his children to Hamilton. Both obviously share a deep concern for this place, but cannot agree on how that concern should best be expressed.

Likewise, those of us who remain as active members of this college cannot agree on the best course of action for it to follow, although we obviously all care about some aspects of it. Because our own ideas shape the way we live our lives to a large extent, we don't spend a lot of time thinking about things that we all value in common. Instead, we let our differences blind us to an extent that they no longer allow us to see eye to eye about anything at all.

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LETTERS

Public Apology

To the editor:

On Thursday evening April 23rd, there was an unfortunate incident in the Little Pub involving Bon Appetit management, staff and some Hamilton students of color. My staff did not handle themselves professionally. To those students involved I would like to convey both my personal and professional apologies.

Joe Cappa
General Manager
Bon Appetit

Tobin's sabbatical a godsend

To the editor:

I have attached a copy of a letter sent to Kevin W. Kennedy, a member of the Board of Trustees. Let's see if you have the intellectual integrity to present these comments to your readers. The comments do, in fact, represent a strong viewpoint not articulated by the press but more widely held than you think! I hope you will pass the test!

Dear Brother Kevin:

Thank you for the good news about Tobin's six month sabbatical. Personally, I was rooting for six years, but every little bit helps. Please give my condolences to Schwarz. He sounds totally *non*-equipped to be a college president having no useful background in academia whatsoever. However, in this increasingly litigious world, he may be useful yet. Of course, on the plus side is the fact that the shoes he will be filling are very small indeed! And finally, Brother Kevin, I find your "cop-out" (or is it "sell-out"?) to be an insult to the students of past years and an abusive dimunition of choice for future generations. The alternatives were so far superior. Not easier, but better. I have to believe that deep in your heart, you think so too. Shame on you!

XAIPE
John T. Henderson
Alpha Delta Phi, '51

Many students insensitive and ignorant toward issues abroad

To the editor:

During the week of April 19-23, the International Students Association set up a table in Beinecke at which all students who so desired could sign a petition which would count towards the One Million Signature Campaign, whose aim it is to end economic sanctions against Iraq. Ideally, the goal would be to leave the military sanctions in place, as those will affect Saddam directly, while lifting the economic sanctions.

Overall, a good portion of the Hamilton community was responsive to our petition: in fact, 600 people signed. Of course, those who refused to sign argued that it was in the best interest of the US to maintain all sanctions against Iraq--economic and military. If that's what some people feel, that's their prerogative, and I certainly respect that. At least they were able to rationally state their case, even if it was an argument with which I didn't agree.

However, I was greatly dismayed at the attitudes of certain students toward the situation in Iraq. One individual for example, told me, "You know, if all the Iraqis die, we get to keep their oil. Ha ha, just joking!" Ha ha indeed. Perhaps a visit to Iraq, where raw sewage is leeking into under-staffed and grossly under-supplied hospitals full of dying people, will convince this individual how really humorous Iraq's condition is. Another student, while agreeing to sign the petition, commented, "They (the Iraqis) are all a bunch of crazy Muslims anyway." I told him that I was a Muslim myself, and that I considered myself quite sane. If someone has a differing opinion on an issue, that's fine, but they should at least try to express it without defaming a fellow human being in the process. I think it's a sign of ignorance of our society that we think we can bash an entire nation of people simply because they have a bad leader, and then act surprised when we get called names like the "Great Satan". We kick and scream when the rights of Americans abroad are infringed upon, yet we think nothing about "nuking" the rest of the world. We should be ashamed of ourselves.

George Hatke

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Does the presence of the Confederate flag offend you?

To the editor:

As Hamilton College students, it should offend you. Hamilton students, faculty and administration are united in their commitment to eradicate racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia. Yet for the past several years we have noticed an increasing number of Confederate flags visibly displayed on campus. Although we recognize the right of all individuals to free speech and freedom of expression, these displays offend us. This symbol of racism has had an impact on the entire Hamilton community and has sparked our concern.

Although we recognize that those who fly this flag may not intend it as a symbol of hatred, we also want to point out that society has imbued this historical symbol with racist meaning. Racist hate, however much some supporters wish to separate it from the flag, still walks hand in hand with the Confederate flag. According to the Associated Press, Georgia's state flag was removed from New York's Capitol building in Albany February 11, 1997 after black lawmakers complained that the Confederate symbol on it is offensive. In a brief ceremony, New York's Republican Gov. George Pataki said the flag contained a "symbol of hatred" for all Americans. White supremacist Richard Barrett sued the University of Mississippi last year claiming the college is interfering with free speech rights by keeping Confederate flags from football games. Barrett said he wanted to display a three-by-five foot flag in the stadium in protest of the desegregation of the college in 1962. In Columbia, South Carolina about 200 delegates of the Congress of National Black Churches marched to the Statehouse to protest flying the Confederate battle flag atop the dome. The Confederate flag is `a divisive symbol and hateful symbol,'' says Susan Glisson, assistant director of the Center for Southern Studies at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. ``It is a symbol that has caused a lot of hurt.'' In York, Indiana white supremacists approached a racially mixed couple's home last February, waving a Confederate flag and setting fire to the couple's car. Quite obviously, not only is the Confederate flag wedded to racism historically, but also some individuals continue to align the two today.

Cultural misunderstandings aside, the flag offends Hamilton students of all races and regions of the country. The Internet is filled with web sites for hate groups that use the Confederate flag as, or in, their logo. As one of our classmembers Melinda Williams, herself an African American woman from the South, recently pointed out: "As a child I was taught not to go into neighborhoods where the Confederate flag flies, because as all Southern African Americans knew, it was a sign of racial hatred." When Melinda came north to Hamilton College, she was shocked and dismayed to be faced with the presence of a confederate flag open to view in her dorm. Melinda remembers feeling confused and offended, but didn't know how to even begin to address the topic with her fellow resident.

How would we feel about the presence of flags with Swastikas or other symbols that are equally offensive to a part of our community (but a sign of regional or racial pride to others)? Who is it that has the authority to say whether the flag is offensive or not; those who display it, or those who suffer as a result of that display? We recognize that for many this issue is not cut and dry or easy to resolve. We invite the Hamilton Community to come to the Fireplace Lounge in Beinecke Village this Monday (5/10) at noon to discuss this volatile and crucial issue. We ask that both those who abhor and those who defend the presence of this symbol attend to engage in an open, honest, and long-overdue discussion. Hope to see y'all there.

Respectfully,
The Students of Women's Studies 220,
"Race, Class, Gender, and Nation"

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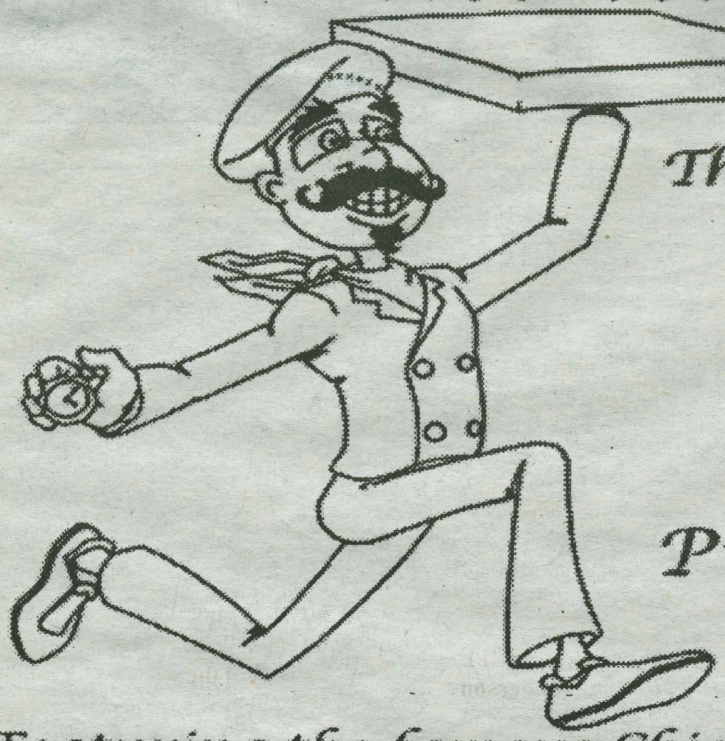

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Jazz Poets Society plays show and tears the roof off

By Sam Evans '01
SPECTATOR STAFF

CAB deserves huge props for bringing Jazz Poets Society to the McEwen quad last Friday night. The eight musicians/poets from Richmond, VA funked, jazzed and rhymed the crowd for hours with tight beats, juicy lyrics and animated horns. The night air was warm, and the beats careened off the dark side's hard gray cement - it was the first time I have felt the joy of a quality outdoor concert since I've been at Hamilton.

As the show got started and the casually late Hamilton crowd slowly trickled in front of the dimly lit stage, JPS began to take flight. Even though I will try briefly, I am a fool to use words to describe the sounds that lit up the dark side. Instead I will bring you along with me for about three hours of my Friday night. While we grooved to the hip-hop beats, mellow jazz guitar, smooth basslines and strong, delicate horns, my desire to write began to get at me.

I saw the Spec's Evan Frankel and told him that I would be willing to write up this event for next week's paper. Even though I no longer contribute to the Spec, I knew that JPS was worth of a quality review, so I committed myself to making that happen. Frankel gave me the green light, so I returned to the spot where I had been dancing and immersed myself in the show for I have no idea how long. I just remember wanting more when they were finished.

JPS grooved and funked an appreciative crowd for a full set of their original brew. Their free form, spontaneous style painted all reaches of the musical spectrum. As one critic said, they adjust their flavor to the tastes of the crowd. Keen samples from Tribe Called Quest, James Brown, The Roots to ONYX they drop to stimulate the crowd's collective mind. They jazzed it up a bit, kicked hip-hop beats, swooned R and B vocals, sometimes all in the same cut. Tight rhymes fused poetry and rap through lyrical beauty and strength. The funk was there throughout.

JPS are masters of an artform known as spoken word. They are also masterful musicians. After the show I bought a copy of their independently released CD, Poets Lounge - The show, a live recording from a small joint called Area 51 in Richmond Virginia. A couple lines from poet/rapper/vocalist Patrick Mamou's deep soulful voice poetic intro:

The loudest noise is silence, awakening for the first time.
A tribal happy quest escapade brings new definition to rhythm diggin'
And I'm soul searchin' for untouched dimensions,
To build foundations on solid rock ground.
The intellect divine sound is now spoken.

And solid it was. JPS thrusts a funky hip hop finger into issues of love, betrayal and poetic expression. Think Digable Planets with a stronger jazz twist. Think of eight creative spirits cutting loose with instruments and mikes. They keep you rooted with beat, and send you soaring with horns. Mind the words because they tell stories of hardship and joy: making it as a spoken word troupe, sex, loss, freedom, getting high, poetry of its own breed.

In my urge to share with this experience the rest of campus, I got to know JPS a lot more personally after the show. Amidst casual chats at a post-show party hosted by Mr. Frankel, the hungry performers decided instead to grab a bite to eat. I looked at my watch, remembered I don't wear a watch, asked someone for the time, and where did we go? The Diner.

I shot the breeze on Martin's Way with Mamou and Nyaze, the Hampton VA born vocalist who was one of the first members of JPS. Mamou is the visionary who founded JPS in 1993. They asked me what my parents did for a living, clearly curious about this mildly spastic guy firing question after question at them. We talked about my background - upper middle class from New York City. He complimented me on being down to earth. I bonused all eight of them on my card.

We sat down in an empty diner sometime around midnight and I had a chance to talk with each member of JPS. Incredibly friendly and good humored, they told me about how they got onboard JPS, where they grew up, what music they listened to as kids, and what they thought of Hamilton college. The details of their lives made it onto my notepad, but the essence of JPS got to my soul. Now, I will be the first to admit that I am a cracker. A honky if you will. But it didn't matter to them. It also didn't matter that I came from a completely different background than they did. I speak differently than they do, but we all spoke the same language. Some of their stories made me realize that fortuity is an amazing thing, and that things in this world just may happen for a reason. Through a string of random introductions, spur of the moment rehearsal proposals and being in the right place in the right time, the crew evolved from a group of poets to a group of poets and musicians. With the addition of horns here, a bass there, and the creative and searching energies of each member, JPS began to gel from a nebula into its own bright star.

Philly-raised drummer Brent Jones met Mamou at a Buckshot LeFonque concert, where there just happened to be a guy who was opening a restaurant in Richmond, who just happened to need a host for Wednesday evening events. The restaurant was the called Underground R & R Jazz Café, in Richmond's historic Shockoe Bottom, and it was the birthplace of what became JPS. For two years they performed spoken word there, and as Jones said "the people who stuck, the people who shined on those Wednesday evenings formed JPS." When I asked him what he thought about Hamilton, he said "Hamilton is cool. I like this school. People are laid back. We received much love at Hamilton College."

Nyaze also told me about the days of 1995, when JPS was in its embryonic state of a few inspired poets who spoke upon this newfound creation via vocal variation, to quote the poets themselves. While he was at Virginia Commonwealth University learning to write poetry, he too hooked up with Patrick when JPS was in its pre-music stage. Nyaze described their music as a hybrid between old school funk and hip-hop, and lyrically as a joint between rap, gospel, R and B. "HC is a pretty college, but there aren't many color people here," he noted. I agreed. Sorry admissions, he had a point. "We are independent musicians - the only hope music in any industry," he told me over chicken fingers and fries in the diner on a Friday night. "Always support independent musicians when you have the chance, so we don't have to sell out."

Joel Bennett, who mentioned that his Muslim name is Sharif, played an electric six string bass with a flower from a Hamilton student behind his ear. Bennett got with JPS as a substitute bass player for the group's original bassist Eddie Pendergast. The Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, Thelonius Monk-influenced bassist told me that he finds small liberal arts colleges more appreciative because they hear groups like us the least. When I asked him about Hamilton and how he got the flower behind his ear, he said "Hamilton has a beautiful campus, everyone's been incredibly friendly. For chrissakes they gave us flowers," he added with a laugh. "A friendly gesture from the natives."

The first thing that struck vocalist/poet/rapper Martin Reamy when he got off the van here was the chalkings. I asked him what he thought of them. "I saw all the 420 shit and thought, 'what kind of school is this?'

When I rolled off the bridge, saw the stage outside, I said this place is going to be alright." Dubbed "Brother Sunshine," Reamy is known to have a little Lenny Kravitz in his soul and a lot of hip-hop in his heart. His off-beat delivery, high energy voice and prophet-style lyrics made for a Q-tip/Fife or Ladybug/Doodlebug rhyme stompin' combination.

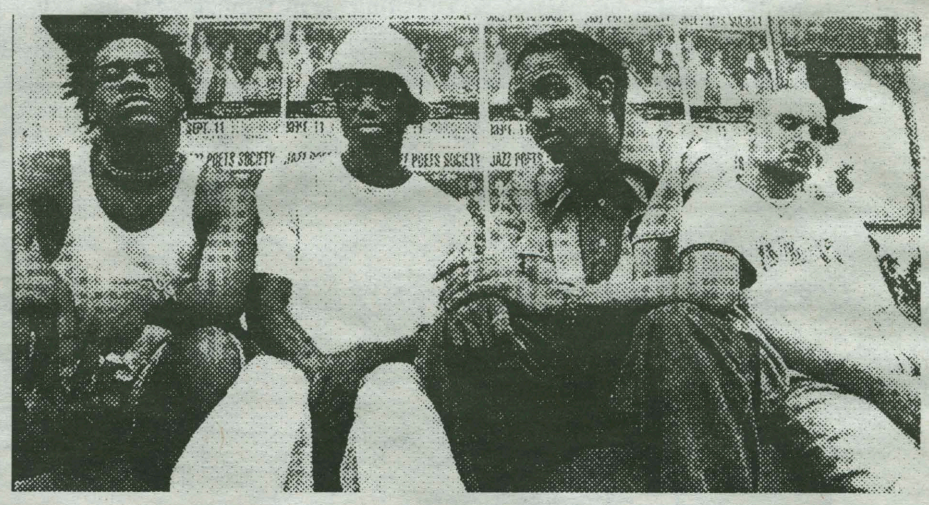
Tenor saxophonist Gordon Jones told me "this band has come together purely through serendipity, and it will stay together through serendipity." That makes a lot of sense considering he met Brent Jones, Mamou and Reamy at a Jamiroquai show and asked them if they needed a horn section. He brought aboard trumpet and flugel horn player Scott Frock, who has recorded tracks with the likes of Gwar, Tribe Called Quest, Wyclef, and the Temptations.

And last, but most certainly not least, guitarist Lee Graham was having a good time turning out wah wah jazz chords and well placed lead notes. His story is my favorite. He was sitting outside of his girlfriend's apartment playing guitar when some mystery person approached him and suggested he check out JPS.

The result of all this happenstance was a show that CAB reps heard at a NACA (National Association of College Activities) conference at Syracuse last fall, where several rising bands found the ears of college concert bookers all over the northeast.

The CAB board liked the promo CD that came back from Syracuse, so the booked the show. CAB's Alan O'Neil '00, Zoe Kostoss '00 and Paul Ryan '02 were all in charge of making the show happen Friday night. Good job guys, good job CAB.

And how did I end up at Hamilton College, a six-pack down on a Friday night eating fries and chilling in the Howard Diner with all eight members of the Jazz Poets Society? I don't know. These things happen sometimes. Keep your eyes, ears and mind open, maybe it will happen to you.



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By Dan Knuggs
Spectator Astrologer

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Apr 21- May 21
Goodbye, it is about time that we part and go our seperate ways. Your attitudeover the past few weeks has been unbearable.

Gemini
May 22- Jun 21
Your summer is time that you need to spend getting your head on straight, especially after all the "study aids" you "recieved" in order to pass your classes.

Cancer
Jun 22- Jul 22
Unfortunately my advice to you is not as light as the others, for I am the bearer of bad news...you are adopted. Hey, don't blame me, I just do my job.

Leo
Jul 23- Aug 23
Your time as a successful slacker is over, it is about time that you paid your dues and here is how it goes... no sleep for you!

Virgo
Aug 24- Sep 23
Come out of the closet...with your nw threads on. Hey, you only live once, and who cares about laughter, especially when the joke's on them!

Libra
Sep 24- Oct 23
Got a nice summer job, you'll be canned by mid June. Man, this is fun!

Scorpio
Oct 24- Nov 22
Your chance to take over the world has passed and you failed. This is not a problem though, you will be quite happy to see those whom you spared, a real cutie.

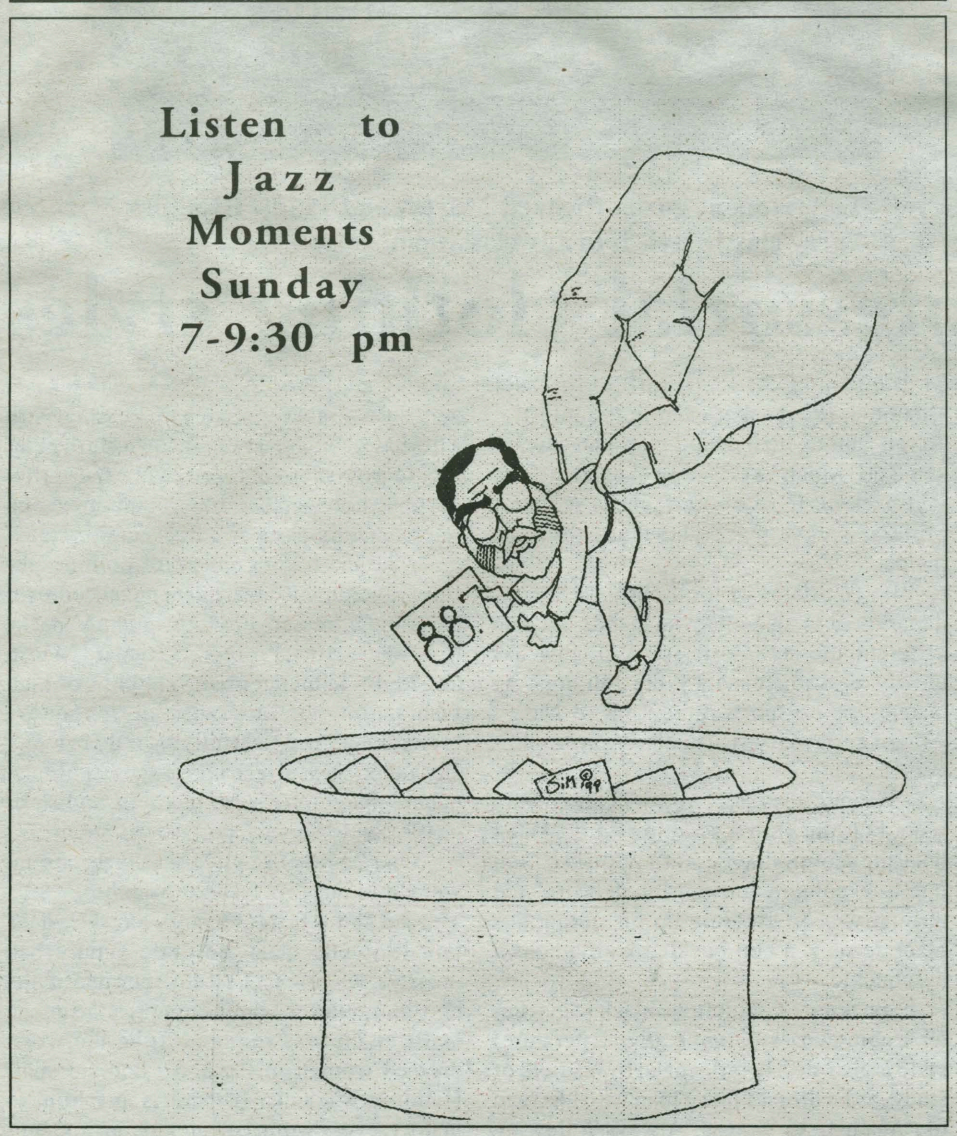
Sagittarius
Nov 23- Dec 21
Smile, and the whole world smiles with you. Mess up on your finals, and you don't have a prayer.

Capricorn
Dec 22- Jan 20
Time to move that crap and start over again. Maybe next year you'll be a little cleaner and even change your sheets. Probably not.

Aquarius
Jan 21- Feb 19
Your goal this summer should be to get in touch with the real you, you know the one who likes Cyndi Lauper and putting glue on your hands and eating it off.

Pisces
Feb 20- Mar 20
The existential philosophy proposed by Nietzsche would describe your lifestyle as ideal. Your ability to go from one thing to another is cool.

Aries
Mar 21- Apr 20
When tying your shoes, you should concentrate on your balance, you know how tipsy you get.



viperHouse: modern-day spasm band with style

By Zack Kouwe '00
Friend of the Family

When a band traces its roots back to the original New Orleans "spasm bands" who played the streets of the red-light district in the early 19th century, one knows such a band has something truly unique to offer. viperHouse, taking its name from swing-era violinist Stuff Smith's "If Your a Viper," a song written about old New Orleans Jazz by musician Mezz Mezzrow, follows a philosophy enunciated by Mezzrow himself in 1946: "we the members of the viper school were for music that was all lit up with inspiration. . . we were on another plane, in another sphere." Indeed, if you have been lucky enough to hear the sounds of viperHouse, you will remember being lifted into Mezzrow's "sphere."

viperHouse, who opened for String Cheese Incident at Styleen's Rhythm Palace in Syracuse on April 9th, combines a dynamic mixture of funk and jazz with sensual and sultry vocals. Described as an "immensely talented groove band" by the Burlington Free Press, the band houses a milieu of extraordinarily gifted musicians. The nine piece setup includes a three piece horn section with founder Michael Chorney on sax, Brian Boyes on trumpet, and Dan Mallach on trombone.

Other members of the band include the elegant Karen Quinn on classical violin, Rob Morse on bass, PJ Davidian on percussion, Phil Carr on drums, and Ray Paczkowski on Hammond 3-D organ. viperHouse is completed by the free-flowing and energetic voice of jazz vocalist Heloise Williams. Williams, who sings on Phish's new album A Story of the Ghost and, along with Paczkowski, has a side project with Trey Anastasio called 8 ft. Florescent Tubes, ignited the tightly packed jug-bitten crowd at Styleen's. Playing grooves reminiscent of old 70's funk artists such as James Brown and Jimmy Smith, viperHouse played original works off their album, Shed, released in 1998 along with funky arrangements of Charles Mingus' Pithycanthropus Erectus and Neil Young's For the Turnstiles.

The band will be appearing at the Allgood Festival in Washington, DC on May 22, and The Discover Jazz Festival in Burlington, VT on June 11. If your mind desires to be transported to another plane, the tight funk-laden improvisational grooves courtesy of viperHouse will surely help get there.

The viperHouse gang: a big sound straight out of Burlington,VT

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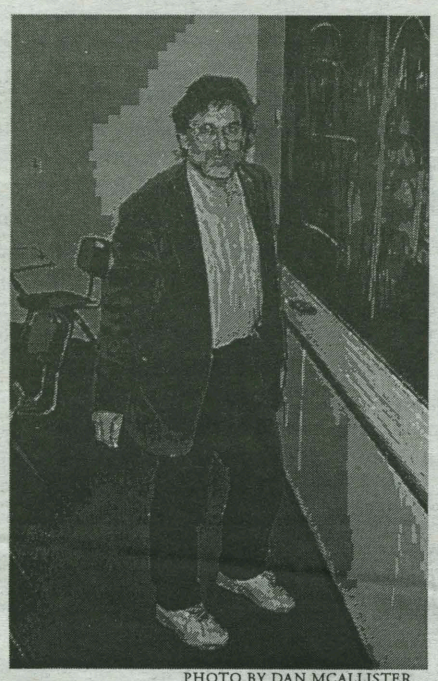

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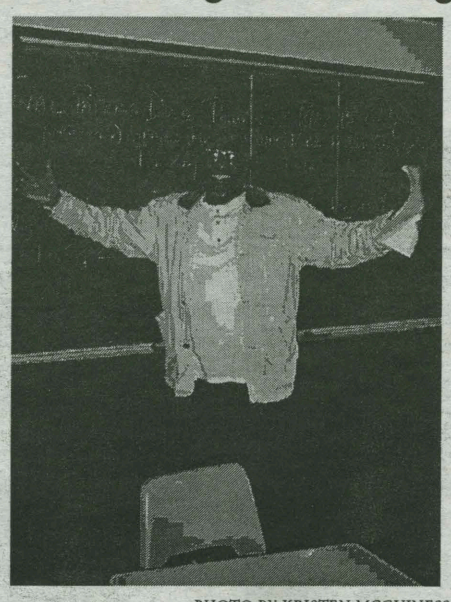
Professor Rabinowitz takes a structuralist approach to dress.



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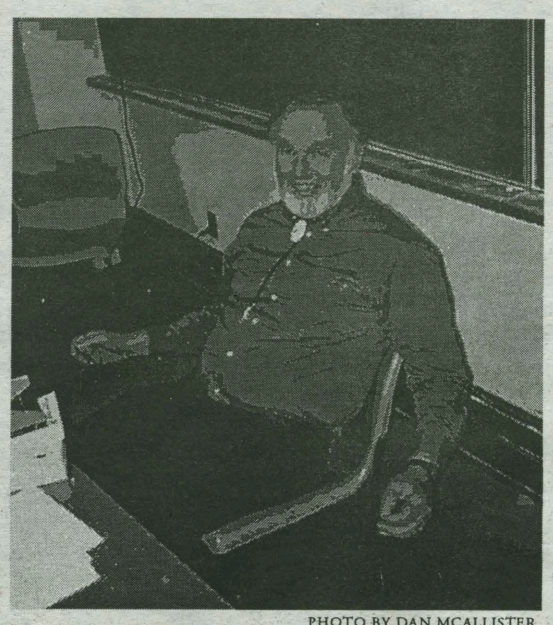
Bringing African inspiration to our western campus, Professor Odamtten runs at the forefront of globalist fashion.



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Jay Williams wearing his ubiquitous bolo tie. He finds both spiritual and sartorial inspiration in religious texts.

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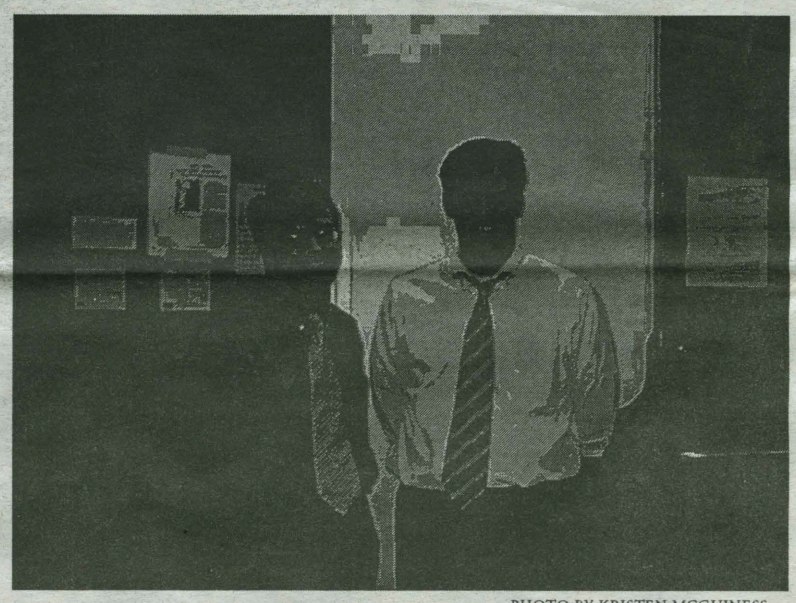
President Tobin looking stately as usual



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Government gurus Richard Martin and Philip Klinkner carry classic style into any classroom.

Disciplines influence professorial clothing styles

By Dan McAllister and Kristen McGuiness
Fasion Editors

The traditional dress of the college professor--patched tweed, frayed oxford shirts and threadbare khakis--is definitely a trend of the past, at least on this campus. Professors today sport an eclectic wear of faculty fashion. In fact, this very freedom to dress however one chooses, a right fought hard for in previous decades, is precisely what makes the exploration of fashion so tantalizing. It has oft been considered a bit superficial to judge a person on how they dress, but these considerations are rooted in a time when only a person's station in life determined how they dress. In this more liberated era, clothing reveals far more about the soul of the wearer than most people realize.

Simply walk across the campus and you will soon realize that many of our faculty members dress better than we do. One also begins to notice that each professor's respective role or field of study often influences the way they dress. President Tobin, a definite man in a gray flannel suit, brings a touch of Madison Avenue to Clinton New York. Sporting a navy Ralph Lauren suit, we can rest assured that our President is always representing the highest ideals of Hamilton style.

In fact, President Tobin's propensity toward suit wearing (have you ever seen him in anything else) is so renowned that it has even generated a few of the rumors that have come to be so much a part of Hamilton life. Does he actually garden in a Ralph Lauren suit? Did he really put on a suit before exiting his house when a car crashed in his front lawn at 3:00 am?

We were going to ask him, but then we decided that these questions, like the other myths surrounding Hamilton, are best left unanswered. We prefer to believe, for example, that the reason we must all pass a swim test is that at some time during Hamilton's long forgotten antebellum years the parents of a student who drowned made this a contingency for the donation of a building.

In sharp contrast to Tobin's western ways, Professor Vincent Odamtten brings a little bit of Ghanian style to our over-Americanized life-styles. From Black pride t-shirts to traditional African garb, Professor Odamtten proves that even in the midst of Aryan homogeneity, one man can always stand up. Much like his way of teaching, the laid-back fashions of our favorite Africana professor prove that style comes from the inside.

Jay Williams of the Religious Studies department is also one who stands out as a different dresser. Professor Williams has clearly be influenced by the religions he teaches, as he sports quite a bit of Native American jewelry, particularly on his fingers.

Around his neck, you will frequently see a bolo tie with a scorpion on it. What does the scorpion represent? We asked him, but true enlightenment cannot be related through words. Holding up his ubiquitous black jeans is a belt buckled with a bonsai tree buckle.

Speaking of ubiquitous black jeans, Peter Rabinowitz's (Comparative Literature) style is also clearly influenced by his field of study, as he dresses like a man who has read too much Levi-Strauss. Always following the rules of Aristotelian unity (beginning, middle, end) Professor Rabinowitz takes a very structuralist approach to dressing, with a turtleneck under a button down shirt under a corduroy sportcoat, removing the turtleneck in hot weather like Vladimir Propp interchanging parts of a Russian fairy tale.

Like the traditionalism of politics, our fine Government department never comes to class underdressed. From cashmere V-necks to designer suits, Professors Richard Martin and Philip Klinkner are bright blips of high fashion on our otherwise disappointing bronze map. And rightfully so, is there really any other way to get into a tense political debate than doing so in the most stylish of gear?

One begins to notice that there are no women in our Professorial Fashion Profile. The sad fact is that, as history has shown us, female intellectuals are quite simply bad dressers. Georgia O'Keefe introduced the horrible notion of women in pants and Simone DeBeauvoir was rumored to be the worst dressed woman in Paris. So don't despair Hamilton students. If there is any truth to history, every woman professor on this campus is as brilliant as Simone DeBeauvoir.

Good bye!

PHOTO BY JIM O'SHAUGHNESSY

As a send off, our editors model their personal favorite accessories. On Dan: Tie by Bert Pulitzer, Barney's New York. Sunglasses by Stussy, watch by Swatch, belt by Burberry's. On Kristen: Glasses by Matsuda, watch by Gucci, bowtie by Brooks Brothers.

If you find clothing superficial, dress like us

After a semester of watching the trends and turmoil of Hamilton fashion, these editors must admit it is a volatile issue indeed. Whether one's clothing expresses who they are or what they wish to be, it is a significant part of society, our campus's specifically. To say that clothing is worn for the sole purposes of staying warm and covering the naked body is not only a lie, but a travesty to cultural awareness.

Looking back at the last four months and beyond, style is an indeliable part of what makes this campus ours. More than black pants and North Face puffers, style unites and defines those among us. Some of our favorite expressions of individuality have been the rebirth of the bow tie, short hair on men, and knee length skirts.

More than that, however, is our campus's new found interest in style and the science of looking good (should we dare take credit?). As those who were once known for not showering for days at a time have now begun to use hair products and buy quality clothing, we can only say "hurrah" for the art of aesthetics.

On a more sour note, though, just as individuality has bloomed within some circles, homogeneity has dug its claws even deeper in others. From the yellow North Face slicker to the over use of pastels this spring, we must admit there are times when we wish J. Crew was never invented. Is it not better to look out of place than to look like everyone else?

Of course, we must not forget the politics of fashion, and the beauty in exploiting such. From sexy lingerie to controversial catch-words, the fashion section has been proud to bring some lively debate to an otherwise quiet campus.

XOXO,
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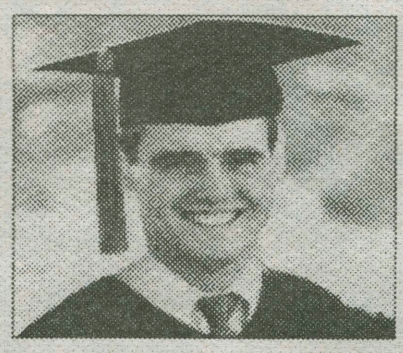

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Men finish in eleventh place at state track meet

Women finish fourth at NYSCTC Championships

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

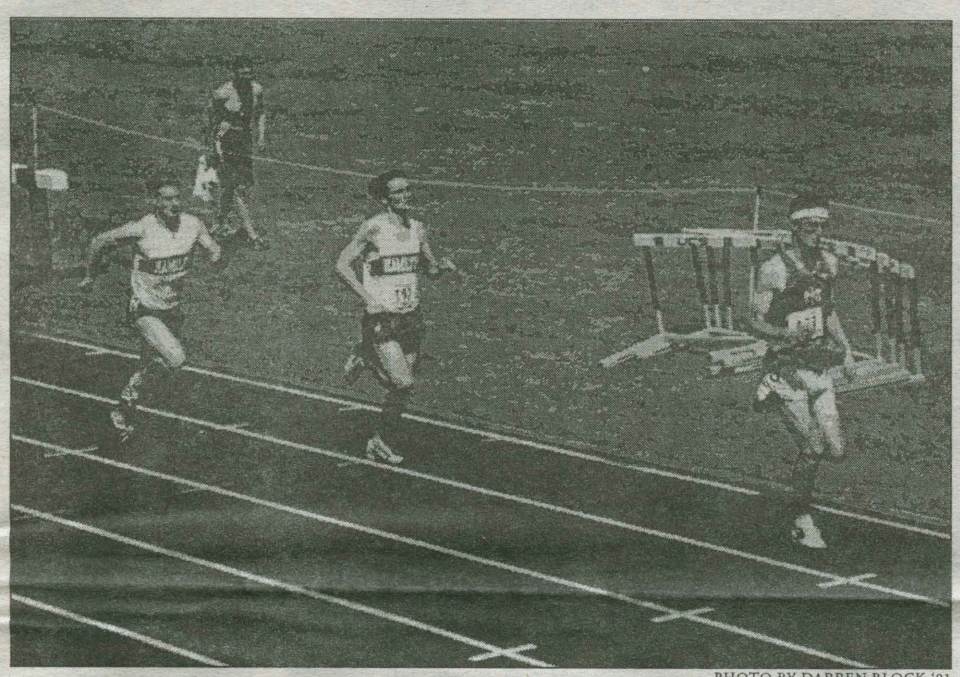
The women's track and field team continued its successful season this past weekend at the NYSCTC Championships. The Continentals finished tied for fourth place with Geneseo. The team performed particularly well in the distance events.

Senior captain Tara Woolford finished first in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 38:52.73, and finished sixth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 19:18.86. She said, "Our fourth place finish is the highest since I've been at Hamilton, and the team deserves a lot of credit for their hard work all season. The time put into practicing, the commitment made to each other, and the drive to succeed in competition were all things that set this team apart. It's nice to end on such a high note." Freshmen Maggie Hanson and Ann Toth finished third and fourth with times of 18:32.67 and 19:01.45. In the 3,000-meter run they finished second and fifth, respectively, with times of 10:20.75 and 10:49.01. Freshman Stacy Tyksinski finished ninth in the 3000 with a time of 11:29.32 and junior Leslie Vars finished eighth in the 5000 with a time of 19:43.52. In the 1500-meter run sophomore Emily Hill finished fifth in a time of 4:58.26, while senior Katie Wasilenko finished fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:23.09. Hill said, "The team did really well as a whole at states. We were ranked seventh going into the meet and came out fourth out of over fifteen teams. There were many outstanding individual performances. Overall, the season was very successful. We improved our placing at NESCAC's considerably, from a last place finish last year to 8th place this year. Another highlight was winning UCAA's. The team will sorely miss the leadership and dedication of Woolford, Wasilenko, and Reichart next year, but there are many returning runners who will hopefully continue the team's winning ways."

The 4x100 and 4x800 meter relay teams set new school records, with two fourth place finishes in times of 50.98 seconds and 9:45.96. In the sprint events senior Heather Reichhart finished seventh in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.49 seconds. In the 100-meter hurdles freshman Kate Clark finished in a school record time of 16.77 seconds. Freshman Christina Freyre finished sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.33 seconds. In the field events sophomore Sherri Hamlette finished ninth in the shot put and tenth in the hammer throw with distances of 10.33 and 37.44 meters, respectively. Clark finished eleventh in the javelin with a distance of 27.64 meters.

Wasilenko summed up the season and her career with, "This may be an understatement, but the team was awesome. Everyone worked hard, stayed dedicated to the very end, and showed a level of team spirit unparalleled in my four years at Hamilton. If I had to choose one thing I will miss after graduation, it would definitely be training and competing with this group of women. I hope they are as successful in the future as they were this year." The team looks to cap off a great season with this weekend's meet in Albany.

The men's team finished eleventh overall in a tough competition. Junior Josh Cooper finished ninth and tenth in the 110 and 400-meter hurdles with times of 16.05 and 57.42 seconds. The team performed strongest in the distance events. Sophomore Scott Taylor led the team with a sixth and third place finish in the 800 and 1500-meter run with times of 1:58.43, his best time this season, and 4:01.76. Sophomores Sam Brown and Seth O'Bryan finished fourth and twelfth behind Taylor in the 1500 with times of 4:03.2 and 4:13.81. Seniors Joe Button and Phil Jennings and freshmen Ryan Murelli and Doug Zeyak followed Taylor in the 800 with seventh, nineteenth, fourteenth, and eleventh place finishes. Taylor, Jennings, Zeyak, and Brown finished second in an exciting 4x800 meter relay with a time of 7:55.3. Zeyak, Murelli, junior Roy Sabo, and Button finished ninth in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:29.5. In the field events junior Jeff Needham finished second in the hammer throw and eighteenth in the discus with distances of 48.1 and 34.8 meters. Junior Sam Paquin finished tenth in the discus with a distance of 38 meters. In the shot put, junior Dan Cooney finished seventeenth with a distance of 12.05 meters. In the javelin sophomore Darren Block finished eighteenth with distance of 37.6 meters. The team looks to continue its success this weekend in Albany despite several injuries .



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Scott Taylor '01 and Joe Button '99 make a final push for the finish line.

Tennis ends on high note

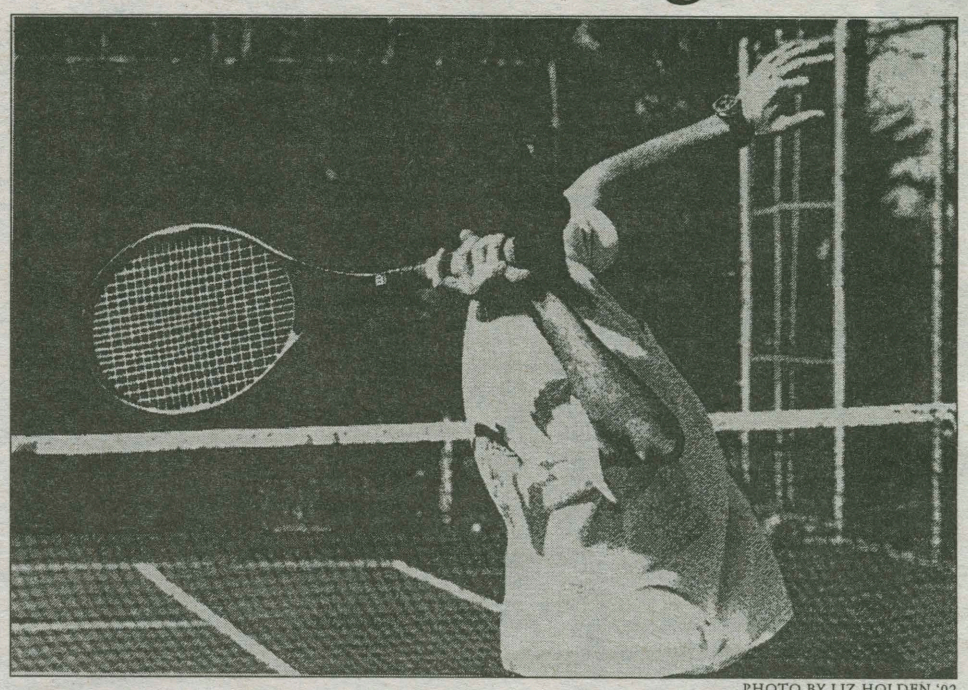

PHOTO BY LIZ HOLDEN '02

A men's tennis player serves it up during his match against Union.

Men's tennis continued from page 16

the number five seed, defeating his opponent 7-5, 6-2. Hornblower finished off the match with his 6-3, 6-4 victory at the number six spot.

On Tuesday, April 27 the Continentals crushed Le Moyne College on their home court. Hamilton continued its dominance in the doubles, winning all three sets. Senior co-captain Ben Pinchin and sophomore Eric Teruel took the number one spot 8-4, with senior co-captain John Belniak and freshman Peter Tucker winning at number two 8-1. The team of freshmen Ryan Thorpe and Phil Cameron won at the number three seed, 8-3. As for the singles, it was a slugfest with Hamilton doing all the slugging. Thorpe, playing at number one to take the heat off the injured Belniak, won a good match 7-5, 6-1, while Belniak decimated his opponent 6-0, 6-0 at the number two spot. Teruel grabbed the three seed with a 6-3, 6-1 win, and Tucker took the fourth spot in a strong 6-1, 6-1win. Freshman Henry Hornblower won number five seed match in a tough three setter, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0. Cameron closed out the match with a 6-1, 6-0 victory at number six. This win raised the team's record to 6-3. The team finishes off the season with an 8-5 record.

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Hamilton students compete in Tae Kwon Do tournament

by Aaron Warren '00
STAFF WRITER

On the 27th of March, Master Y.J. George held the first annual Greater Northeast Tae Kwon Do Championship. The championship was held in two full days of competition. It was attended by the Y.J. George Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido School, Keuks Academy of Martial Arts, Ithaca College, Hamilton College Tae Kwon Do Club, and others. Competitors were divided into groups according to sex, age, weight, and belt division. There were two events: sparring, or free fighting, and forms.

The Hamilton College Tae Kwon Do Club was represented at the championship by Richard Galluppi, a student of Y.J. George and instructor of the Hamilton College Tae Kwon Do Club- red belt , gold medal in sparring- Neil Worcester '02- yellow belt, gold medal in sparring-Peter Whittlesey '01-yellow belt, silver medal in forms and sparring-Louis Insel '01-yellow belt, bronze medal in forms-Kaley Finegan '01- yellow belt, gold medal in forms and sparring.

The Hamilton College Tae Kwon Do Club is a growing attraction for the students here but is an intense commitment and should not be taken lightly. The club meets twice a week in the Fieldhouse but, as with most other things worth doing, success involves finding time to practice outside of the three hours a week in class.

This Week In Hamilton Sports

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Beat the Experts

Congratulations to Michael Schantz '99 who finished with a record of 9-1 against the Experts. He posted the best record for guests during the spring semester. Michael will go to dinner with David Zane, Peter Ringel, and Dave Bolger. Congratulations to all of our guests. "Beat the Experts" will return next semester as **Peter Ringel and David Zane** vie for the prized Slim Jim water cooler, which is awarded to the Sports Editor with the best record. Thank you to Dave Bolger for all of the time you spent at *The Spectator* this year. Dave, Thursday nights will not be the same without you!

Peter Ringel	David Zane	Dave Bolger	Michael Schantz
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Final record: 79-35	Final record: 74-40	Final record: 82-32	Jeff Cournoyer
			8-4

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Peter Ringel, dismayed about the fact that Dave Bolger broke his two semester winning streak in *Beat the Experts*, reluctantly hands over the coveted Slim Jim water cooler.

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Words of wisdom: Don't wear sunscreen, watch sports

Dave Bolger

A View from the Bleachers

Four years ago I arrived here a scared and naïve freshman (and I was a freshman damn it, NOT a first year!). As a senior, I leave and enter the world as scared and naïve recent college graduate. For some reason I feel compelled to share what I've learned with those I'm leaving behind. Have no fear I'm not going to tell you to wear sunscreen or dance. But the advice I will leave behind is simple.

Watch sports.

More importantly, watch Hamilton sports. I have had the pleasure of covering Hamilton sports for over two years and I can say with certainty that there are far too many members of the Hamilton community that have missed out by not attending sporting events here on the Hill. I have already written about the lack of attendance and school spirit on this campus and I'll save you from that this time around. I will tell those of you that haven't made it a habit of going to hockey or basketball, or football, or any other games, that you have missed out.

We are told from the day we get here to get the full college experience. Well those who failed to check out a game in the Sage have failed to get that total experience. This year the fieldhouse was home to the best division III basketball player in the country. Let me repeat that, the best basketball player in the country. And too many games went by where the crowd was almost non-existent. It was a delight to watch Michael Schantz play basketball and I wish more people could have seen him.

Last year's hockey play-offs and the men's first ever ECAC championship was excitement times three. But how many people actually saw a game after they threw their orange? Not enough.

The women's hockey team became a

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

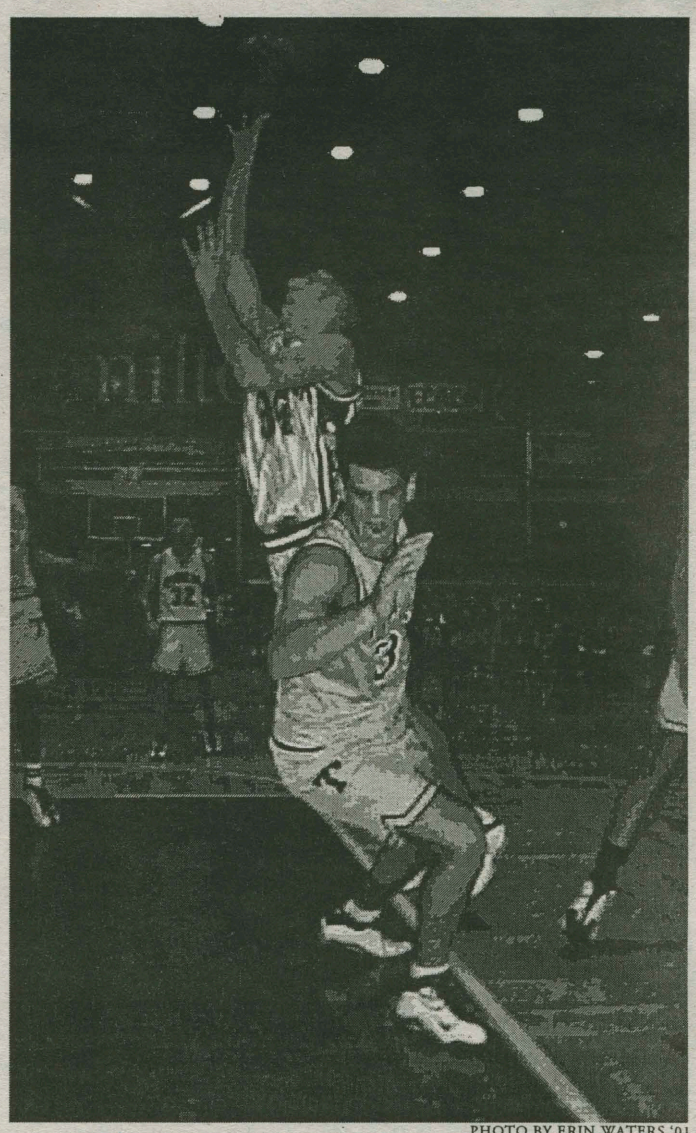
Women's hockey all-star Amy Williams '99 goes in for a score.

varsity team and Amy Williams became an instant all-star. But so few fans turned out for women's hockey games that you could hear a pin drop in the rink.

Watching sports is good for the soul. Its healthy. Its good to get out and yell your head off for a few hours every once in a while. A little excitement does the heart some good. As I've said before, on a campus where people complain about lack of social options its amazing how going to a football game hasn't become a social option.

President Roosevelt was on to something when he wrote a letter to the commissioner of baseball asking him to keep baseball going despite the war. He knew that sports were important to this country. From a spectators point of view, they are cheap (well they used to be cheap anyway) and easy entertainment and leisure. For children, it's the start of a dream or fantasy to one day play professional sports. For adults, it's a way to relive the glory days. To remember when you were a kid and hit a homerun in the little league championship game (or in my case, when you struck out with the bases loaded in the last inning of the last game of the year to kill your high school team's play-off chances). For so many people watching sports is a release from reality for a few hours.

This is why it is so baffleing to go to games here and see that so few people go. Its fun. Its exciting. To those of you returning, try it. Go to a lacrosse game. Go check out a softball game. Cheer for the field hockey team. Screw the sunscreen, the best advice is watch sports. Of course, if you're watching a game in the sun, sunscreen might help.



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Did too many Hamiltonians take Michael Schantz's talent for granted by not attending basketball games?

Varsity Crew team wins silver medal at States

Heather Case '99
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend the crew team attended States. The two day event was an amazing mile stone for the team. On Saturday all of the crews raced in order to qualify for the next day's finals. All of Hamilton's boats made it into the petite finals with the exception of the Varsity Men's 4+. The Varsity Men's 4+ placed second in their race on Saturday qualifying them for the Grand Final, an honor no Hamilton boat has ever been able to achieve thus far.

The Varsity Women's 4+ race in the petite finals on Sunday was the first of the day. Placing third out of six, only about 5 seconds behind first place Binghamton, the women made a strong showing. Next was the Varsity Men's 4+ race in the Grand Final. The crew was boated as First Year Reid Anderson, Junior Matt Damseaux, Senior Peter Hirsch, Junior Ben Bardwell, and Junior Eric Jones. The men made an exceptional showing competing against Buffalo, Marist, Geneseo, USMMA, and Army. While the men easily captured their second place finish on Saturday, Sunday they had to put up a long hard fight. Buffalo pulled ahead after the first 1000 meters, while USMMA and Army fell way behind the pack. Hamilton, Marist, and Geneseo had to fight it out bowball to bowball to the bitter end. In the final 500 meters Hamilton only had about half a boat length on Marist and Geneseo but the men pulled it up from 34 to 36 strokes a minute to take an incredible second place. The Men finished with the impressive time of 7.09.80, only about three seconds behind Buffalo. The silver medal won by the men is the first ever in the history of the Hamilton Crew Team. Junior Eric Jones had this to say about the eventful day for his boat, "The week before States the five of us set a goal to win a medal. It was the first time any Hamilton boat has qualified for the finals at States, and to get second was really exciting. It was a great race for our boat as well as the whole program."

The day continued with the novices competing in the petite finals. The Novice Women's 8+ placed second to RIT and the Novice Men's 8+ placed second to Albany. All tolled, Hamilton placed 14th out of 27 by the end of the two day event. Coach Bilyea was delighted with the results the team produced this past weekend, especially the Men's silver medal win. He said: "I think the Men's silver medal has certainly justified the College's decision to grant the sport of rowing varsity status.

All of the athletes in the program are committed to performing at a high level and as a result have put the team ahead of the timetable I had hoped to achieve as we made the transition from a club program to a varsity level program." States was the last race for the Varsity team and the Novice men; however, the Novice women will attend the Dad Vail Regatta, the biggest regatta of the season. We wish our Novice women the best of luck next weekend and congratulations to the Varsity Men's 4+ on their silver medal win.

Softball sweeps double-header to end season

by Erin Post '01
SPORTS WRITER

The softball team ended their season with a bang, sweeping the University of Rochester in a doubleheader on Friday. In the first game, the Continentals annihilated the Yellowjackets by a score of 12-0 behind the strong offensive showing of freshman Becky Karb, sophomore Abby McDermott and junior Carolyn Fichera. Karb went 1 for 1 with a triple, sacrifice and a hit by pitch. McDermott went three for three with three runs and one double, and Fichera contributed with two runs and a triple. The Yellowjackets regrouped to put up more of a fight in the second game; however, the Continentals' strong hitting and solid defense proved too much for Rochester, as they fell 6-2.

PHOTO BY CARRIE MCNEIL '02

Strike Three: Hamilton's stellar pitching racks up another strikeout against Rochester.

Freshman Amanda Chaimovitch and sophomore Jen Galluccio, known to her teammates as "Gallucc", both contributed to the win with one run and three RBIs, respectively. The team also played superb defense, posting no errors until the last innings of the second game. Freshman pitcher Karen Pogonowski picked up both wins for the Continentals. The two wins gave the softball team a final record of 12-17, a telling improvement from last year's disappointing 3-21.

Freshmen talent combined with a wide range of strong leadership to contribute to the team's improvement. Sophomore Korey O'Malley states, "The freshmen have made a noteable impact on this year's team. They have really uplifted the attitude and mentality of the team in addition to the skill level." Freshman Pogonowski particularly stands out in both the eyes of her teammates and her coach. Teammate Gallucc states, "Her power bat, along with her incredible pitching were definitely key to our success." Coach Penoyer states, "Leading the pack was freshman Karen Pogonowski with an ERA if .582 with 89 strikeouts, 61 walks in 173.8 innings pitched. Karen also led the team in batting average, .429, with 15 RBIs, 6 doubles, 4 triples and 2 homers." Freshman Erin Thorkilson has backed up Pogonowski on the pitching mound this season, and has reflected the team's depth of talent with an ERA of 1.04. Two more underclassmen made significant contributions to the team's success. Sophomore Abby McDermott compiled one of the team's highest batting averages, .376, with 4 RBIs, 3 doubles, 1 triple and 1 home run. She struck out only seven times in her 85 at bats. Her performance as catcher was also instrumental to the team's success. Sophomore third baseman Galluccio also "played a key role on our offense," according to Coach Penoyer. Her final batting average stands at .342. She also had 12 RBIs, 4 doubles and she struck out only once in her 76 at bats.

Although the team carried no seniors this year, a wide range of people stepped into the void. O'Malley states, "This year our leadership came from several directions all across the classes. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors have combined to produce a very balanced basis of leadership." Gallucc echoes her optimism for the future, stating, "We don't have any seniors on the team, so next year is looking good." She also emphasized the team's cohesiveness and individuals' flexibility as key to their success, "We struggled with positions in the beginning, but everyone cooperated and was willing to try new positions until we found the right combination. The team got along and worked well together."

Coach Penoyer also believes the team has great potential for the future. She states, "The team now knows what to expect and that is to win. They have the tools now to use for the upcoming season. Tools that they can practice and become better softball players. This team learned how to win and overcome obstacles, which will carry us into the year 2000."

Men's Lax ends disappointing season with 13-3 loss to Union College

by Brent Lowinger '02
SPORTS WRITER

The 1999 Hamilton College men's lacrosse team ended its season with a 13-3 loss to Union this past Saturday, dropping their final record to 1-11. The loss ended a season filled with disappointment. Despite the tough season, the future looks promising. With only four of the twenty players who collected points this season scheduled to graduate, the lax team will come back with both experience and talent next season. The team's three leading scorers are all scheduled to return next season, with junior Matt Green at the top of the list with 23 goals and 17 assists. Second in scoring was junior Chris Mertz who went from 11 goals and 3 assists last season to 19 goals and 11 assists this year. Freshman Brad Schwalm was the leading freshman scorer and third on the team despite sitting out part of the season with a broken thumb. Schwalm proved to be an offensive force, finding the net 23 times along with dishing out 6 assists.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

A member of the men's lacrosse team leads the attack.

While the team looks to build for the future, it will sorely miss graduating seniors Mike Coope, Whit McGraw, Pat Hibbard, and Noah Chrismer. Coope ends his career with 27 goals and 59 assists, McGraw with 37 goals and 26 assists, Hibbard with 35 goals and 13 assists, and Chrismer with 1 goal and 2 assists. Coach Kevin Gilmartin said of the seniors, "The seniors have been so valuable to us both throughout their careers and this season. They provide the younger guys with guidance and leadership that only veteran players can supply."

The men's lacrosse team has had a bumpy ride this season, but hopefully the growing pains will pay off as the team looks towards a more positive season in 2000.

Young rugby team looks forward to next year

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know that when the entire team is together next year, they will be in good shape. "I wish I had one more year to play with these guys, they're going to be good. They should do well in Division II," said senior Adam Kelly.

With Bolger and Hazard along with eight other seniors leaving the team is left in the hands of a strong core of juniors and younger players. Rising seniors Ethan Horvitz and Benny Mann will take over the reins as next years captains. Mann is confident the team will be successful next year. "The competition will be tough next year but we should be ok," he said, "Its like when I go hunting back home. I started out hunting squirrels and got good. Then I moved up and now I hunt bears It took me a while, but now I'm good at tl at too"

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Men's Rugby season a learning experience for all

by Matt Hajduk '99
SPORTS WRITER

After winning two consecutive state championships at the Division III level, the men's rugby team is set to move to Division II next fall. To prepare for the tough competition, Hamilton decided to put together a challenging spring schedule. The spring is traditionally a season designed for fun, with mostly friendly exhibition games and maybe a tournament but the Exiles decided to play better caliber teams in preparation for the jump to Division II.

"We knew coming in to the spring season that it would do us no good to play the teams we played in the fall," said senior co-captain Dave Bolger, "If the returning guys want to see what they'll be up against next year we need to get them ready by playing better teams."

In the fall, Hamilton had an easy run to the state title with wins over teams such as Niagara, a team they demolished 65-5. Success hasn't come as easy this season as the Exiles lost to a bigger and tougher Marist team by sixty points. Hamilton also played in two tournaments, the Beast of the East and the Upstates where they were met with very good competition. At the tournaments, played in Rhode Island and Oswego, the team compiled a 2-2 record against teams like Providence College and Southern Maine. The Exiles also posted a win against rival Colgate and ended their season at home last Saturday with an amazing 77-12 thrashing of Hartwick.

The win, which upped the Exiles record to 5-4 on the season, saw some interesting highlights. Senior hooker Clarke Collins scored the first try of his career, a career that spans back to high school. "Before the game I told the guys I wasn't leaving the field unless I scored," an excited Collins said, "I've been waiting forever to score. It's a great feeling." Another highlight came when Bolger and junior Benny Mann teamed up to put a devastating hit on Hartwick captain Kelvin Wingate. The hit was so devastating that one fan, Eric Pisick, commented, "I didn't think that guy was getting up. I though Bolger and Benny killed him."

To some a 5-4 record is disappointing, but don't let it fool you. The team that won the championship in the fall is not quite the same team this spring. Three key players are overseas and another, Jeff Cournoyer broke his leg in the season opener and has been lost for the season. With these losses, the team has a new, young, look. "We're playing with a several guys that have little or no experience and that hurts," said co-captain Derek Hazard, "But for all the inexperience we have, we've done quite well. Many rookies have stepped up and played champagne rugby."

Most of the team sees this season as a time for some younger guys to gain experience without the pressure of winning and

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Golf team awarded its first ever NCAA bid

by Jonathan Cornwell '99
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Hamilton College Golf Team, ranked 15th in the latest national poll, has received its first ever bid to participate in the NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championship. Indeed, the team's strong play throughout the fall and spring season—in which the Conts placed second in their district—virtually guaranteed a post seasor appearance, their first in team history. According to Brett Geruntino '99, "this is like a dream come true. We worked so hard all season. I'm holding back tears." Bryan Richetti '99, whose 95 at Colgate earlier this season greatly enhanced the team's post-season prospects, concurred: "I just can't wait to go. It's going to be tough but fun."

Hamilton's final tournament before NCAA's, the Hamilton Spring Tee-Off, was contested this past Monday at the Skenendoa Golf Club. Hamilton placed first, just slightly ahead of Oswego. Jamie Harding '00 won the tournament, edging teammate Matt Diramio '01 by one shot. According to Harding, "this was a very satisfying victory. The field may have been the largest and strongest of the entire season and I just feel lucky to come out of this thing with a victory. The PGA tour awaits."

The tournament will take place May 17-20 and will be played at the Taconic Golf Course at Williams College, one of the most highly regarded golf courses in the nation. The field will consist of the top twenty four teams in the country and outstanding individuals who receive at-large bids.

According to Coach Bob Simon, the top ranked teams include Methodist College of North Carolina, which has dominated Division III men's golf for at least the last five years, Greensboro College of North Carolina, and San Diego State, but he expects the three New England teams participating, Hamilton, Skidmore, and Williams, to be highly competitive. "The advantage we have," Simon points out, "is familiarity with the nuances of Taconic and that can help make up for the advantages of the some of the Southern and Western teams who have much longer playing seasons."

Taconic has hosted several national championships, including both the United States Senior and Junior Championships, as well as many regional amateur and professional events, such as the Massachusetts Open. It is known for its beauty and its slick and undulating greens which will severely test the nerves of the participants at the NCAA.

Men's Tennis finishes season strong, winning three out of four matches

by Elizabeth Crispino '01
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This past week, the Hamilton Mens' Tennis Team played four matches and won three. They defeated both Le Moyne, Union, and Hobart by scores of 7-0, but succumbed to powerhouse Binghamton.

This past Tuesday, the Men's Tennis team traveled to Hobart to play their final match of season. Reverting back to true form, Hamilton crushed Hobart 7-0. The teams of Thorpe and Teruel and Tucker and Hornblower started off the doubles winning their matches, with Hornblower and Lew losing a tough doubles match. As for the singles, the Continentals dominated the line-up, winning all six matches in straight sets. Thorpe took the number one seed 6-5, 6-2, with Teruel dominating the number two spot 6-2, 6-3. At number three, Tucker won 6-2, 6-1 and Hornblower took his match 6-1, 6-1. Cameron won 6-0, 6-0 at the number fove spot and Lew finished up the match at number six.

This past Friday, Binghamton awakened Hamilton from its dreamy winning streak earlier in the week by defeating the Continentals 7-0. Hamilton was off its game from the start. They faltered in their strongest suit, and lost all three doubles matches. Also, the team played without co-captain Belniak, who was away on a field trip. His absence made a dent in the line-up. As for the singles, Thorpe, Pinchin and Teruel all lost 6-0, 6-2 at the number one, two and three spots. Tucker took his match to a three setter before succumbing, 6-4, 0-6, 6-3. Murdock lost at number five 6-1, 6-3, while both Hornblower and Cameron were defeated as well. This loss brought Hamilton to a 7-5 record for the season, with one match left to go.

The following day, Hamilton was back on its home turf to face a weak Union team. Hamilton capitalized on its home setting from the get-go, winning the doubles in fabulous fashion, 8-1, 8-0, and 8-1. After this jump start, the match was in Continental hands for the second day in a row. They won the match 7-0. Thorpe won the number one seed by retirement after a 6-3 first set. Pinchin, back in the singles line-up after a slight sabbatical, came back in rare form, winning 6-0, 6-1. Belniak followed the lead in his 6-0, 6-2 win, with Tucker taking his match 6-3, 6-2. Senior Zane Murdock resumed his play at

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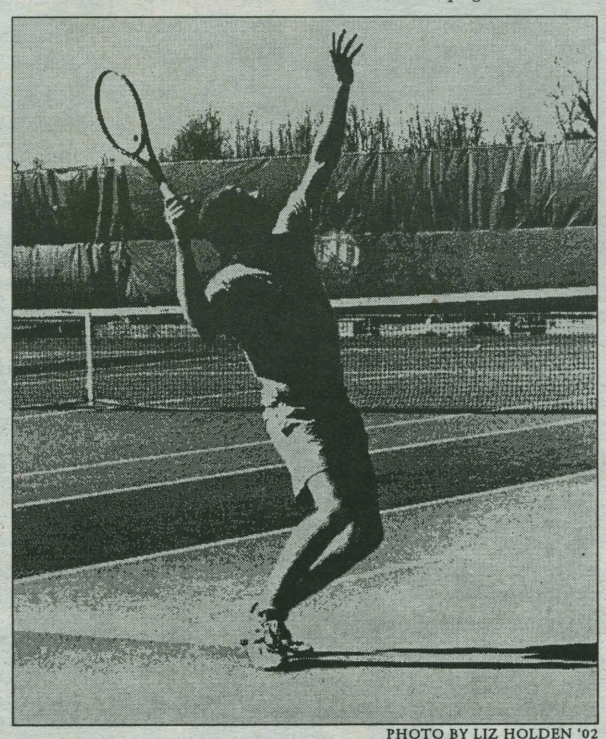

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A member of the tennis team works diligently on perfecting his serve in practice.

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